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## \$134.33M budget bill for FY'15 goes to conference committee



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With barely a month before the deadline, the CNMI government's \$134.33-million budget for fiscal year 2015 now rests with a bicameral conference committee tasked to come up with a "compromise" spending plan. This came about after yesterday's rejection by the House of the Senate-amended budget bill over an unconstitutional provision, salary increases, and advance quarterly allotments, among other things.

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House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), right, confers with Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio, left, during a short House session recess yesterday afternoon right before rejecting a Senate-amended \$134.33-million budget bill that now goes into conference. Also in photo are Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), background left, and Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan).



Guerrero

BOE presses Inos on teacher rep designation

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The Public School System is pressing Gov. Eloy S. Inos to appoint a teacher representative to the Board of Education via executive order.

According to letters and documents submitted to the governor, there has been no teacher representative on the board since January of 2008 when Ambrose Bennett's term expired.

The two letter writers have so far not gotten any official response from Inos, according to BOE chair Herman Guerrero at a board meeting Tuesday.

"I don't know where the governor stands on the issue," Guerrero said in an interview that same day.

In the first letter, dated May 2 this year, Guerrero cited the "ongoing struggle to motivate the Legislature to act in a coherent matter."

He said that PSS has consulted its attorneys on the legality of the appointment via executive order.

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## Human resources key to NMI economic growth'



Sablan

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Speaking before human resource managers yesterday, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) vowed to make sure every person in the CNMI "has enough to eat, is healthy and educated, and has a job" to maximize

its human resources. This also includes not losing valuable third-country nationals under the Commonwealth-only worker program set to end in 2019.

Sablan also updated members of the Northern Marianas Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, or SHRM, on the sta-

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**Girl Talk**

## Manglona defuses brief tension between Lujan, alleged victim

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Friction briefly occurred yesterday in the ongoing jury trial of Raymond B. Roberto during defense counsel David J. Lujan's cross-examination of one of the three alleged victims.

However, quick action by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, who is presiding over the trial, calmed down the 16-year-old girl and eased the tension.

The girl resumed her testimony until late afternoon yesterday. She was ordered to return today, Friday, for the resumption of Lujan's cross-examination.

The tension started when Lujan asked the girl about her alleged text messages to a cell phone number that, according to her, was Roberto's during their negotiation for sex in exchange for cash.

When Lujan asked her what she meant by the word *polaña* in one of her messages, the girl asked Lujan if he is not a Chamorro. When Lujan replied that he is, the girl snapped back: "Then you should know because you talked s\*\*t about me yesterday!"

Manglona quickly interrupted, telling the girl to calm down. She gave brief instructions to the girl and Lujan. After a few seconds, Lujan continued his questioning of the girl, who appeared to have calmed down, hugging a stuffed toy and swinging her chair.

At 3:20pm, the girl asked Manglona if they can continue the hearing today, Friday. Manglona asked if she needs a break but the girl stated that she wants a full break.

The judge directed the prosecution and defense counsels to a sidebar discussion and

ordered a break until 3:50pm.

After the break, the girl resumed her testimony. Most of the questions raised by Lujan were about the exchange of text messages pertaining to negotiations for sex in exchange for money between the girl and the other alleged victim and Roberto.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that Lujan's cross-examination yesterday morning was delayed as the girl apparently didn't want to continue her testimony that day.

U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and NMI Alicia Limtiaco requested for a sidebar discussion, which Manglona granted. At that time, the jurors were not seated in the courtroom.



Manglona

While Manglona and the lawyers were at the sidebar at about past 9am, Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Haejun Park handed a piece of paper to either Limtiaco or Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy.

After the sidebar discussion that lasted a few minutes, Manglona announced that the hearing will continue at 10:30am. When the hearing resumed, the girl was present and Lujan began his extensive cross-examination.

On Tuesday before noon, the girl became upset at a comment Lujan made during cross-examination. She cursed at Lujan, threw a glass of water at him, and berated the prosecutors. The commotion prompted Manglona to order a recess and reconvene the following day.

Roberto, 41, a former acting Division of Fish and Wildlife director, is on trial for three counts of enticing three minors to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering.

## Man pleads guilty to resisting arrest, gets 6 mos. in prison

Daniel M. Quitugua, an ex-convict who allegedly fled from police officers after being stopped for a traffic violation, leaving behind a stash of illegal guns and ammunitions, has pleaded guilty to resisting arrest and was slapped with a six-month prison term. The other charges of illegal possession of controlled substance and assault and battery were dropped as part of the plea deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Quitugua to six months in prison, but gave him credit for time served since May 23, 2014.

Quitugua shall be released from the Department of Corrections on Nov. 23, 2014, at 8am. He was ordered to pay \$25 court costs.

Chief Prosecutor Brian Flaherty appeared for the govern-

ment. Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for the defendant.

Police arrested Quitugua for allegedly speeding and then running away from police officers, leaving behind a bag that contained three illegal guns and

bullets near Northern Marianas College on May 23, 2014.

Following his arrest, the U.S. Probation Office sought for the revocation of Quitugua's federal probation.

An indictment later filed in federal court charged Quitugua

with one count of felon in possession of firearms.

According to the indictment, on May 23, 2014, Quitugua was found in possession of a Sig Sauer Model P226 9mm pistol; a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver; 90 rounds of .45 caliber ammunition; 50 rounds of .38 caliber ammunition; and 62 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

Quitugua was convicted in federal court in 2005 and was sentenced to 120 months in prison followed by a five-year supervised release over an armed robbery at a poker arcade in 2004. He was convicted of conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, and using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

### Man allegedly holds machete to girlfriend's neck

An argument led a man to allegedly beat up his girlfriend and hold a machete against her neck at their home in Kagman III Wednesday morning.

Police arrested Theodore Oronigo Pehnos, 27, that afternoon on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$10,000 cash. Preliminary hearing will be on Sept. 3, 2014.

Police detective Norman L. Skilling stated in his report that a police officer and a firefighter responded to a Kagman residence after receiving a call about a domestic violence incident.

Preliminary investigation showed that Pehnos and his girlfriend had been arguing when he got angry, broke some items, and then choked her neck. Pehnos also allegedly slapped the victim in the face, pulled her hair, then held

a machete to her neck. He then swung the machete at a piece of lumber behind her.

The victim ran to a neighbor's house, where she called police.

Skilling said that during his interview, Pehnos confessed to hitting his girlfriend and scaring her with a machete. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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# Fiji police in Liberia ‘in good health’

**SUVA, Fiji** (Fiji Times/PIR)—Family members of the 27 police contingent deployed to

Liberia for peacekeeping duties have been reassured by the Fiji Police Force that they are

in good health.

The reassurance comes after Liberia has been declared by

the World Health Organisation as one of the four countries that currently has an Ebola Virus

Disease Outbreak.

WHO yesterday declared an International Health Emergency over countries in West Africa which includes Sierra, Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

## BOE

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“Because the [CNMI] Constitution gives you the power to appoint any person you deem fit for the job, the criteria constituting that appointment is solely an executive function,” Guerrero told the governor.

He said that PSS previously proposed a bill that called for schoolwide election by fellow teachers, but the Senate pushed a substitute bill instead that did not track the language promoted by PSS or as introduced by then-Senate Education Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taima-

no (Ind-Rota).

“It has not yielded any fruit,” Guerrero said, on the three-year work with the Legislature.

A follow-up letter, sent three months later on Aug. 6, reiterated PSS’ desire to have the governor appoint the teacher rep through executive order.

Guerrero again cited the Constitution, which states “The selection process of a public school teacher representative by law.”

When asked for comments, acting press secretary Ivan Blanco said the governor supports the position of a teacher representative and can be expected to sign the executive order.

### Critical

In an interview, Guerrero described the constitutionally mandated teacher representative as an avenue for teacher input, and that even though the rep is a non-voting member he or she can still participate and debate on issues.

“It’s important to get input from our teachers, it’s an additional avenue for them to do, rather than going through the [BOE] members, going through the commissioner,” he said.

He described teacher input as a critical part of the process in improving and strengthening public schools.

“The Constitution calls for a selection process to be done

pursuant to law. Unfortunately the Legislature has not done so,” he said.

### STOY as Teacher Rep’

Article 15 Section 1(c) of the CNMI Constitution was amended in 2009 to have the process of establishing a selection process for teacher representative be the responsibility of the Legislature.

The Senate bill introduced by Taimanao—dated March 25 of last year—said “the Legislature finds based on a survey the CNMI teachers overwhelming[ly] support that the teacher representative should be the CNMI teacher of the year.”

The survey conducted by

PSS Teachers Advisory Panel presented options of a selection process. One was that the president of a teacher organization would be selected as teacher rep, another was selection through a “general election” among teachers, another was the teacher representative being the CNMI state teacher of the year, a similar one was a “panel” of STOY nominees created for governor’s appointment, and the last was a “council of teachers” made up of representatives from each island or schools selecting their own representative on the board.

Out of the 14 schools that participated in the poll—sev-

eral did not submit votes—13 schools voted for either the STOY or the STOY candidate pool option.

As reported last year, the Legislature instead recommended that teachers hold an election to decide on their representative.

The board rejected this recommendation.

“Based on the results of the survey, PSS teachers want to have the...teacher representative appointed to the position. Because this bill does not reflect the will of teachers, PSS cannot support it at this time,” stated a joint letter that PSS and the BOE submitted to the House education panel last year.

## HUMAN

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tus of an immigration bill that seeks to extend beyond 2014 the following: the CNMI’s exemption from accepting asylum applications to protect tourism, the CNMI’s exemption from the H visa cap, the E2-C investor visa program, and the CW program after the U.S. Labor secretary already extended it administratively.

H.R. 4296 faces an uphill battle mainly because there’s only 12 congressional session days left before the Nov. 4 elections and 15 more days before 2014 ends to get it passed.

“I expect to be in Congress every session,” Sablan told SHRM members at the Pacific Islands Club, reiterating the bill’s importance to the CNMI and its tourism economy.

In a question-and-answer with SHRM members, Sablan said a continued CW program beyond

2019 is not the answer to maximizing human resources.

“There are ways to approach this,” he said.

Every election season, the status of long-term foreign workers is on a spotlight. Depending on who the candidate is, they are either for or against supporting a permanent immigration status for long-term foreign workers.

This time, however, the CNMI economy is expanding and the need for a reliable workforce is needed more than ever while the U.S. worker pool is still limited.

The delegate, who is seeking re-election on Nov. 4, said the CNMI cannot build its economy with the sale of natural resources such as pozzolan in Pagan, fish in the ocean, sunlight for electricity or geothermal energy—at least for now—but it can do so with its most important resource: “our people.”

Sablan said he also looks forward to working with the Northern Marianas Chapter of SHRM,

and everyone in the community to continue to develop that one priceless resource.

There are other policy issues, he said, including ownership of submerged lands around CNMI islands and managing increased U.S. military activity in the islands over the next years and decades.

“But aside from those issues, almost everything else I work on has to do with human resources, making sure that our people are healthy, that they have enough to eat, that families stay together, that our population does not continue to decline,” he said.

### Debunking food stamp myths

One of Sablan’s goals is ensure parity in the amount of food assistance received by people in the CNMI compared to other states and territories.

At the SHRM meeting yesterday, Sablan laid out the facts to try to debunk myths that food stamps are “a bad thing” and

that they “rob people of the motivation to work.”

“We have 8,000 people receiving food assistance. Most of them, 6,000, are kids under 18, or full-time students. Another 1,000 are people who have to stay home to take care for children under 12 or for someone with a disability. Another 500 are mentally or physically challenged. And about 300 are elderly,” he said.

If one is to add it all up, almost everyone getting food aid falls in one of those categories: young, old, in school, someone with disability, or a caregiver.

“Yet, at the same time, almost 900 of those people who are getting help are also working. So it’s clear that food stamps don’t discourage people from working. In fact, having enough to eat probably makes it possible for more people to work,” he said.

Rota and Tinian people have started getting higher food stamp benefits because food

costs are higher on those islands. Sablan is also working on raising benefits for Saipan residents “very soon.”

The biggest change, however, is one that will bring the CNMI to equity with the rest of the country. The CNMI now has a \$33-million pilot program he had successfully included in the Agricultural Act of 2014.

“Groundwork is already being laid. About a year from now, we should see the program starting up with electronic benefit cards and \$31 million in new benefits that will bring us up to par with the nation,” he added.

Altogether, he said, that’s about \$90 million in food assistance money over five years.

Sablan also touched on the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, which he said increased the Medicaid grant to the CNMI by \$109 million over a 10-year period, lowered the CNMI’s local Medicaid match from 50 percent to 43 percent, and got 16,000 local people eligible for

Medicaid or half the U.S. citizen population.

The delegate also said the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ approach to Obamacare still leaves some uncertainty and is incomplete.

“Because, although the HHS action changes the requirements for insurance sold, it does not change the requirements for insurance that employers offer to their employees,” he added.

Sablan urged human resource managers to consult their company lawyer if they have doubts about the rules for their particular company.

Like gubernatorial candidates and others seeking election in November, Sablan is also off to Portland, Oregon, today for the 10th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament. Annually, the softball tournament has become a reunion of sort for CNMI residents now living in different states. On an election year, the tournament also becomes a campaign stop.

## BUDGET

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“This is not a numbers issue but one about principles and policies,” House Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan said he does not see why a conference committee cannot reach a compromise on the problematic provisions within days.

The main bone of contention is a Senate provision that the House deems “unconstitutional,” allowing a waiver on any electronic gaming licensing fees, machine fees, and CNMI taxes up to \$400,000 assessed against private firm Bridge Capital LLC or its assigns for fiscal year 2015 and offset it with the total amount of \$400,000 that the CNMI government owes Bridge Capital for unpaid La Fiesta leases.

Some House members call it “more than a sweetheart” deal.

That’s because once the bill becomes law in its current

form, it allows Bridge Capital to “sell or transfer” these credit amounts to any entity that has an electronic gaming license on Saipan.

House members said the provision, offered by Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota), opens the floodgate for other private entities that are owed money by the government to also seek similar credits or deals.

“The CNMI government is basically giving a company credit of \$400,000. ... This company can outright sell these credits to companies with electronic gaming licenses. Both our counsels said that would be unconstitutional,” Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) said during session after a motion was made to reject the Senate-amended budget bill.

By a vote of 15-0, the House approved at 3:24pm the rejection of the latest version of the budget measure, effectively sending it to conference.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) immediately appointed three

House members to the conference committee: Sablan as Ways and Means chairman, Dela Cruz, and floor leader Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan).

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said that Hocog, who is currently acting Senate president, is expected to appoint the Senate conferees as early as today. They include Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), and Reyes himself.

Sablan, chairman of the House conferees, said he looks forward to an immediate start of meetings once the Senate appoints its conferees.

Unlike previous budget seasons when the sticky points were mainly on the amount of funds for certain agencies, this year is more on administrative provisions.

“And there are only a few items,” Sablan added.

Also among the problematic provisions is salary increases of up to more than \$15,000 including those for the Finance secretary and directors.

Some lawmakers are also crying foul over cuts in House and Senate members’ operational funds by some \$7,000 to be able to give Tinian close to \$400,000.

“A three-month advance allotment, I don’t think that’s responsible budgeting,” Sablan said after the session. This was one of the Senate amendments to the budget.

Dela Cruz, during the session, also pointed to a budget provision that allows the Department of Public Safety to hire its own legal counsel with a salary of \$57,000.

“We’re a bit concerned because funds are being taken away from the Office of the Attorney General and the [soon-to-be] elected attorney general. ... The [Ways and Means] Committee felt that the elected AG would be the arm of government that will represent all government agencies and departments,” Dela Cruz said.

Without a timely passed budget, the government would have another partial shutdown.

### PSS, NMC

The House agrees on the Senate’s a \$1.6-million budget increase for the Public School System, and a \$200,000 increase for the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, among other things.

But the conference committee is expected to tighten the language on the PSS budget provision to ensure there won’t be unnecessary salary increases and that priority is the hiring of new teachers to reduce teacher-student ratio in classrooms.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), during session, asked that the Marianas Visitors Authority’s personnel and “all others” budget should not be zeroed out and should have at least \$1 so that when government finances improved, funds can be reprogrammed for MVA.

MVA oversees the CNMI’s only industry, tourism. The budget added to PSS came from MVA’s.

NMC president Dr. Sharon

Hart, in a letter sent yesterday to the House speaker, appealed once more for additional financial support for NMC.

She pointed out that the CNMI government will be in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education’s maintenance-of-efforts requirements by some \$157,000 if no additional funding is given to NMC.

Hart said the Senate’s over \$4.835-million budget proposal for NMC “severely compromises” the college’s ability to meet the College Access Challenge Grant MOE requirement for fiscal year 2015. If the CNMI fails to meet that requirement, NMC would lose its \$1.392 million award under this program for fiscal year 2015.

Sablan, as head of the House budget conferees, said NMC’s concern will be one of the items for consideration as the House and Senate conference committee works on a compromise budget bill.

Top NMC and PSS officials attended the House session.

# CHC gets \$83K for infectious disease detection, outbreak response

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The Commonwealth Health-care Corp. recently received an \$83,897 grant from the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity program, which will help the

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local hospital create a program to prevent and detect infectious diseases in the community.

CHCC asked for \$799,000 for equipment and personnel for the first year of the ELC program. It received 10.4 percent of the requested amount. About \$65,000 is for the epidemiology program and \$18,000 will be used for health information systems.

When sought for comment, CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said that they are grateful for the grant and that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which the ELC is under, is leaving the door open for future assistance.

"CDC is leaving the door open for more possibilities for us to work continuously with them and help us in building the CNMI's epidemiology and laboratory capacity to improve surveillance of infectious diseases and outbreaks," she said.

The CNMI currently has no epidemiologist and infectious disease surveillance is split among various government entities. Tuberculosis surveillance is done at the Chest Clinic, while the hospital's Infection Control Officer monitors

hospital-acquired infection and others.

CHCC states that the grant will help establish and strengthen surveillance and reporting of infectious diseases in the CNMI.

The grant document states that the program will need to hire laboratory staff qualified to perform tissue processing and microbiology exams. It will also develop and sustain core personnel needed to support the growth of the program and maintenance.

If full funding is acquired, CHCC will be able to expand laboratory capacity, which will get additional equipment, including machines and supplies



Muña

needed for the program.

The grant will also help CHCC establish a "syndromic surveillance information system" to help collect, compile, analyze, preserve and distribute information regarding possible infectious disease outbreaks in the CNMI.

The information produced by the syndromic system will help investigators verify the existence or non-existence of disease outbreaks and epidemiological studies of diseases or conditions that may pose an immediate or potential threat to the public wellbeing.

CHCC noted that they will share findings with the CNMI's ELC governance

team members and participants, including the Guam Department of Public Health and Human Services.

"This will help to facilitate and improve the timeliness and sharing of clinical and

public health surveillance information for investigation and reporting purposes with the intent to quicken detection and response efforts to infectious disease outbreaks in the CNMI," CHCC stated.

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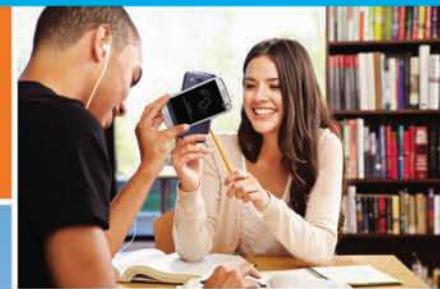
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## ‘Yes’ to HLI 18-12 will expand PSS Kindergarten’s accessibility’

Voting “yes” to House Legislative Initiative 18-12 this November will expand the accessibility of the Kindergarten program of the Public School System, making it available to all elementary schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

PSS’ Kindergarten program is a program of instruction of the Board of Education and is available within the school district for all 5-year-olds. However, due to lack of funding, PSS’ plan to expand this free program for all 5-year-old children has been curtailed in the last decade.

The government’s downward revenue trend has significantly impacted plans to expand public school facilities on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota—primarily to build more class-

rooms and hire more highly qualified teachers for the program, among others.

Making the program readily available to 5-year-olds hinges upon the availability of additional support and resources. If granted, this will ensure that all 5-year-olds will seamlessly transition to grade 1 through Head Start and Kindergarten.

H.L.I. 18-12 proposes to increase the minimum funding level for public education by an additional 10 percent, from the current 15 percent to 25 percent.

This will be voted on at the Nov. 3 general elections.

“The value of early childhood education is very critical. This is about student readiness and arming them with the necessary tools early,” Board of

Education chair Herman T. Guerrero explained.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan agrees. “It is about getting every child ready to learn and develop their social, emotional, and physical skills,” Sablan said.

### Admission numbers

Every year, between 200 and 250 5-year-old children do not attend Kindergarten classes. Instead, they proceed straight to grade 1.

Student-enrollment data culled by PSS over the years reflect a reverse trend of admissions: there are more grade 1 enrollees than Kindergarten.

As a result, there is a learning gap for this age-group that skips Kindergarten to proceed straight to first grade.

In the last 12 years, PSS has identified a growing number of 5-year-olds enrolling straight to grade 1 right after completing Head Start.

In school year 2001, there were 770 enrollees for grade 1—higher than the same school year’s Kindergarten enrollment of 578. The enrollment number represents all 10 elementary schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

In 2002, the number climbed to 831 for grade 1 enrollees while Kindergarten student enrollees were at 591.

In 2003, grade 1 enrollment was at 828 and Kindergarten was at 599. In 2004, grade 1 enrollment was at 921 and the number of Kindergarten children was at 686. This was the year when

PSS breached the 11,000-total enrollment mark.

By 2005, when public schools’ enrollment was at an all-time high (11,718) the enrollees for first grade was at 883 and Kindergarten was at 727.

The biggest number of children “skipping” Kindergarten and proceeding straight to first grade was in 2006: 940 enrollees for grade 1, while Kindergarten enrollees totaled 726.

Halfway through the last 12 years, admission numbers for Kindergarten continued to plummet while grade 1 enrollees were at a steady climb.

In 2007, Kindergarten enrollees dropped to 689 while grade 1 enrolment was at 836. A year after (2008) there were only 614 5-year-olds admitted to the Kindergarten program but grade 1 enrollment was at 830.

The varying figure continued in 2008: 632 admissions for Kindergarten and 766 for grade 1.

There were 604 children enlisted for the Kindergarten program in 2009 while a much-higher number, at 775, for grade 1.

In succeeding years, these numbers were replicated: 604 for Kindergarten students and 775 grade 1 students in 2010; 608-to-736 in 2011, and 582-to-745 by school year 2012-2013.

By the close of 2013-2014, Kindergarten admission was a low 544 while grade 1 enrollment was at a high 770.

“As you can see on the actual data, this translates to limited enrollment because there is simply not enough resources to allow us to expand our facilities to accommodate more

5-year-old children to attend our Kindergarten program and to hire highly qualified teachers to adequately staff our teaching pool,” explains Sablan.

Guerrero pointed out that in voting for H.L.I. 18-12, it would essentially translate to compulsory full-day, full-time Kindergarten program.

“We have early childhood curriculum—which is designed by our school system for a seamless transition from pre-school to grade one. But with [the current situation we are facing] there is disconnect when our children skips Kindergarten,” explained Guerrero.

H.L.I. 18-12, if approved by voters, will allow for 200 to 250 additional 5-year-old children to be admitted into the Kindergarten program.

### Importance

The PSS-BOE’s investment for a full-day, full-time Kindergarten is validated by existing studies and research, mainly the need for pre-school programs to ensure that children have the “range of background and experience” to meet their educational needs and reach their full potential.

The U.S. Department of Education has acknowledged that “fewer than three in 10 4-year-olds are enrolled in high quality pre-school programs.”

“Yet the importance of early learning is clear. Studies prove that children who have rich early learning experiences are better prepared to thrive in Kindergarten and beyond,” the USDOE pointed out. (PSS)

## CDD to discuss respite service today

The Council on Developmental Disabilities will either ratify or disapprove a planned launch of the Commonwealth Respite Service Program during a board meeting today, Aug. 29.

The board will meet at the Pacific Islands Club’s Napu Room to discuss the proposed respite system and other measures for furthering disability programs in the CNMI.

The respite program was tabled for further discussion at the May 13 CDD board meeting.

Respite care is temporary relief for primary caregivers to prevent individual and family breakdown, institutionalization of the person being cared for, or abuse by the primary caregiver as a result of stress from giving continuous support and care to a dependent person.

Ayuda had been chosen as CDD’s community-based organization to implement and facilitate a program to provide a comprehensive and coordinated respite care services for qualified clients in the CNMI. For the program to

move forward, though, CDD and Ayuda Network, Inc. has to ink a memorandum of agreement but this has also been tabled.

CDD chair Thomas Camacho said in an earlier interview that the respite program already has its rules and regulations and all they’re waiting for is its implementation and accompanying voucher system.

Camacho said the program cannot be implemented without having an “outside entity”—a community-based organization—to do it.

“The CDD cannot provide these services because it conflicts with CDD’s purpose, which is an assistance advocate,” Camacho told *Saipan Tribune*.

The cost to set up the program for its first year would be \$53,102.

Earlier in May, CDD said it had wanted to work with the Office on Aging since it already has a respite service program for the *man’amko*. (Jayson Camacho)

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## Split verdict in Monte Vista Hotel burglary case

A Superior Court jury yesterday found Kyle Cabael guilty of two charges and not guilty of one charge in connection with the burglary at Monte Vista Hotel and Restaurant in Navy Hill.

The six jurors found the 22-year-old Cabael guilty of theft and conspiracy to commit burglary and theft. The jurors, however, acquitted him of burglary.

Theft and conspiracy to commit burglary and theft carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

The jurors deliberated for an hour on Wednesday and resumed deliberation yesterday morning. They reached a unanimous verdict in the afternoon. The trial began on Monday.

Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who presided over the trial, set the sentencing for Nov. 26, 2014.

Camacho vacated Cabael's pre-trial release and remanded

him into the custody of the Department of Corrections.

In an interview with reporters, attorney Colin Thompson, court-appointed counsel for the defendant, said they need time to digest the verdict because it's

split. He said they will be evaluating the verdict to see what legal options they have.

"We will take [it] one step at a time from here," he added.

Assistant attorneys general James McAllister and Clayton

## Radio program to feature historian

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council will be featuring a war historian on "Your Humanities Half Hour" radio program this Sunday, Aug. 31, from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99. Catherine R. Perry hosts the program.

Alfredo Flores, who did a presentation at the history conference at Saipan World Resort in June, will be presenting his paper, "The Agony Over Land: U.S. Military Land Acquisition on Guam and Chamorro Land Stewardship, 1944-1972." His presentation will explore the aftermath of World War II and how the U.S. military engaged in

a significant expansion project that changed Guam.

Flores is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Los Angeles and specializes in 20th century U.S. history with an emphasis on American empire, immigration, race/ethnicity, and labor with subfields in Asian-American history, Pacific Islander history, and Native American history.

He is also a co-founding member of the University of California Los Angeles graduate coalition of the Native Pacific and Famoksaiyan. (Jayson Camacho)

Graef, who prosecuted the case, refused to comment.

Police said that cash and several items were stolen from one of the rooms at Monte Vista Hotel and Restaurant during the Feb. 17, 2014, burglary. A

surveillance camera at a store led to the arrest and filing of charges against Cabael and two co-defendants.

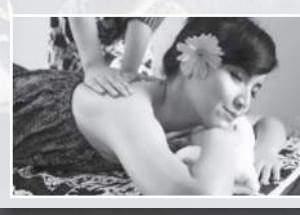
Cabael's co-defendant pleaded guilty and received two years in prison. The gov-

ernment dropped the case against a third defendant.

A teenager, who is now 18 years old, was charged in juvenile court in connection with the same incident. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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# Korea's SISTAR premieres music video filmed on Saipan

The Marianas Visitors Authority continues to promote the Northern Marianas aggressively with celebrity tie-ups, most recently with South Korean girl group SISTAR, who have also been appointed as NMI Tourism Ambassadors.

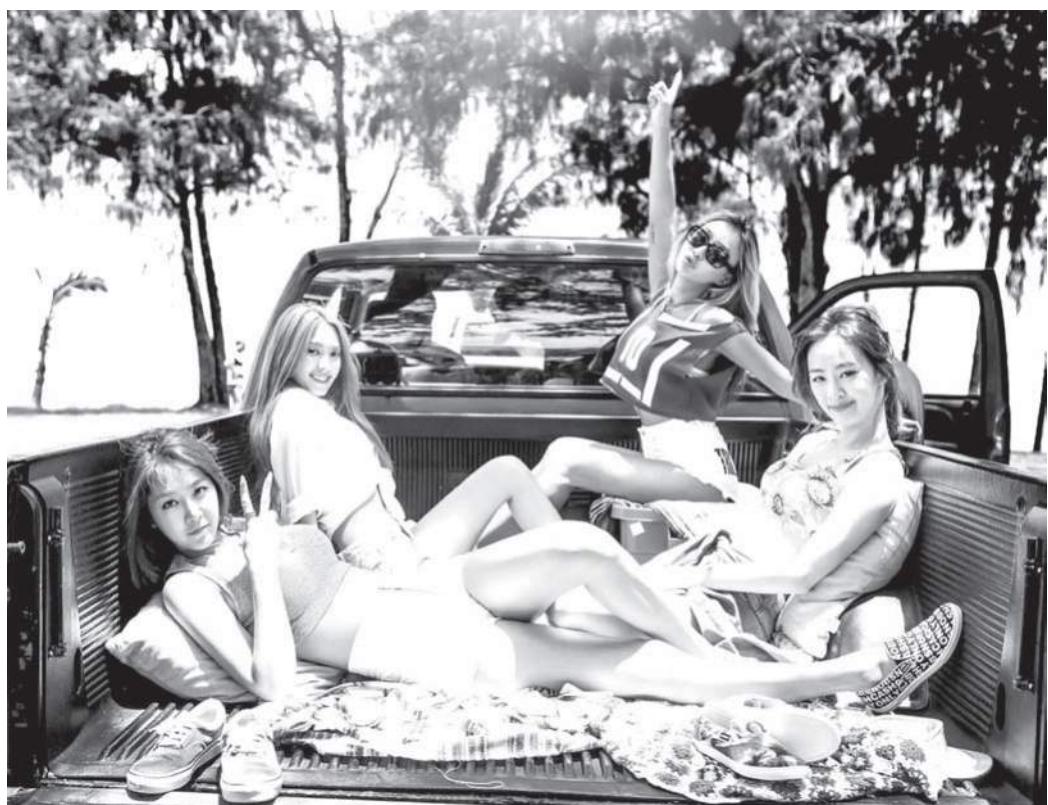
"As we have seen with this month's wedding of celebrities Lee Seung-hyun and Qi Wei

[on] Saipan, the exposure value of partnering with celebrities can be tremendous," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "We are pleased to have SISTAR join the list of tourism ambassadors promoting Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to their vast fan base."

SISTAR's new music video *I Swear* was filmed in the

CNMI in July. The group visited various beaches and tourism spots in the NMI, including well-known restaurants and stores, and stayed at Lao Bay Golf & Resort.

Their comeback album *Sweet & Sour* was released on Aug. 26 and leaped to No. 1 on the music charts in Korea. The music video, released through



MVA

Famous South Korean girl group SISTAR has premiered its new music video *I Swear*, filmed on Saipan in July 2014.

## Hospitality Class enrollment for high school juniors and seniors now open



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Famous South Korean girl group SISTAR was appointed tourism ambassadors for the Northern Mariana Islands in July 2014. At right is Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

the official YouTube channel of Starship Entertainment, various media channels and online music sites, was also ranked No. 1 on the Internet hit list. The MVA has negotiated the rights to use

their video and photos for tourism promotions.

As of yesterday afternoon, the video has already been viewed 585,179 times since being posted two days before.

SISTAR was formed in 2010 under the management of Starship Entertainment. The group consists of four members: Hyolyn, Bora, Soyou, and Dason. (MVA)

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## High water use at 3 schools blamed on suspected leaks

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

A breakdown of total utility cost as a percentage of the Public School System's total utility costs—for its schools and locations—shows Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High School, and Tanapag Elementary School leading the pack.

According to PSS' data, MHS sits at 27 percent of total cost, Hopwood at 13 percent, and Tanapag at 6 percent.

PSS finance and budget director Derek Sasamoto described these school's numbers as "outliers" and are probably due to water leaks.

He noted that Tanapag's percentage is high in relation to its size.

"[Tanapag] is one of our smallest schools," he said.

He suspect that the school's percentages are due to problems with water leaks, as he found a discrepancy between actual

power usage and water used.

"When you look at water consumption, when you look at percentage of total charges compared to water as a percentage of total, it doesn't match," he said.

He said that PSS has communi-

cated with the three schools to look into their respective situations.

Sasamoto noted that most schools average 3 to 5 percent of total PSS costs.

"Outlier schools have been identified. They have been

briefed as to what this problem may be, [which is] more than likely water leaks," he said.

Sasamoto said the schools have been notified of the problem and are making it a "high priority."

PSS has been trying to curb

its utility usage to remain in line with its budget.

The comparative data, which he presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, will be provided to schools every month.

"They'll be comparing... each other's usage performance," he said, adding that it

can promote "self-regulation" as schools compare usage between each other.

"[It] will also allow us to monitor usage, water usage, leaks, and advise them month to month as to what needs to be done, so we're going to really control this cost as much as we can," he said.

## SPC builds capacity to manage emergency operations in Palau

Participants from Palau government departments, Palau Red Cross and the media attended training last week on establishing and managing Emergency Operations Centers.

In 2012, Typhoon Bopha impacted Palau and affected hundreds of people and destroyed 70 homes, displacing 131 people, while in 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan devastated the whole northernmost state of Kayangel, destroying 39 homes and severely damaging dwellings from Babeldaob to Koror. These two events highlighted a need for Palau to in-

crease the number of personnel trained to manage the response to emergencies and to work in the National Emergency Operations Center.

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community, through support from the European Union project, *Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific*, is working with Palau to address this need by providing training in Emergency Operations Centers for 17 representatives of government, civil society and the media.

Priscilla Subris, coordinator of the National Emergency

Management Office, opened the weeklong training by stressing the importance of all agencies working together and thanking participants for taking the time "to learn how to be part of Palau's response to future emergencies."

On behalf of the Republic of Palau, Subris also expressed appreciation to the European Union, the Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, and SPC for making the training possible.

The National Emergency Operations Centre, which was the venue for the training, was con-

structed with the support of the EU and under the supervision of the SPC through a multi-country project called: *Disaster Risk Reduction in Eight Pacific ACP States*. The centre was completed in May 2011.

During the training, participants studied the establishment and management of Emergency Operations Centers. They learned about the facilities and equipment needed to ensure smooth running of a center, and staffing requirements and staff roles and responsibilities. Information management—essential for effective decision-making—was also covered in depth. The

training ended with a five-hour tabletop exercise in which participants put their new skills into practice in responding to a simulated emergency.

The training was supported by the European Union and implemented by SPC as part of the *Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific* project. The purpose of the project is to strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island countries to address existing and emerging risks posed by natural hazards and related disasters, while maximizing synergies between Disaster Risk Reduction strategies and Climate Change Adaptation. (SPC)

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## What makes us different from them?

By ROBERT SAPOLSKY

Los Angeles Times



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**W**hat determines behavior? That's a question with a lot of partial answers. Upbringing. Genes. Brain chemistry. Peers. Sunday morning sermons. Inane values communicated in TV ads. The levels of various hormones in the fluid we marinated in as fetuses. The list goes on and on.

Many of these influences can be grouped under the nebulous category of "culture." Examples of cultural influences on behavior are numerous. Austrians, say, are more likely to ski than Tahitians. But some differences are less obvious. For example, monotheistic religions tend to come from desert cultures, while rain forest cultures tend to be polytheistic. And societies of people who make a living as nomadic pastoralists—herders of cows, camels, or goats—are more likely than hunter-gatherers to evolve "cultures of honor" built around warrior classes, retributive violence and clan feuds.

Some of the best-studied cultural contrasts are between "collectivist" and "individualistic" cultures, most commonly between East Asian cultures and that of the U.S. Collectivist cultures are about cooperation, interdependence, the good of the group outweighing the needs of any individual. These are societies in which people are uncomfortable standing out in the crowd, hewing to the principle that "the tall sheath of wheat is the first to be cut down." Individualistic cultures, in contrast, emphasize competition, independence, individual achievement and "looking out for No. 1."

What do these cultural differences look like on psychological tests? When asked to draw a "sociogram"—a diagram of their social network, with circles representing themselves and their friends, connected by lines—Americans tend to place the circle representing themselves in the middle of the page, and make it larger than the other circles. East Asians typically draw the self circle smaller than the others.

When given a scenario in which a friend has cheated them in a business deal, Americans are likely to want to punish the jerk. East Asians are likely not to want to see their friends penalized.

When presented with a trio of items—a rabbit, a dog and a carrot—and asked which two go together, individualists tend to think in an analytical, categorical way—rabbits and dogs, because they're both types of animals. Collectivists are likely to think in a more holistic, relational way, connecting rabbits and carrots, because if you think about a rabbit, you also must think about what it's going to eat.

When briefly shown a picture of a complex scene, Americans are most likely in the first fraction of a second to look at the center of the picture, and to remember the main object in it. East Asians, in contrast, are more likely to scan the periphery and remember the overall scene. And Americans find it easier to recall times when they influenced someone else than times when someone influenced them; with East Asians,

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## Guo Mei Mei

**T**his is my August fool's day valedictory. Obama, Clinton, and Bush II found August vexing. It is only birthday hoots in my family, with me at the gate and Pat (mother of daughter Andrea) on Sunday, with Andrea, my sister Jailu, daughter Kristina, and sis-in-law Marienne heading weekly rituals.

There is nothing glittery about Guo Meimei, a Beijing Film Academy grad. The 23-year model flaunted a lavish lifestyle in 2011 while claiming relationship with the Red Cross. The NGO subsequently slipped 90 percent on donations. She was a skilled but sly mistress, also a gambling addict, arrested recently for illegal online betting.

It is Ms. Guo's imagination that attracts. She muscled will-power over the power of fear and trepidation. Global media depicts current politics of suspicion. On the MH17 crash, after a frenzy of trampled evidence to cover up accountability, The Netherland's PM Rutte said that it now appears "fortunately that more was done after the disaster than we thought until now." Local authorities carried out "an intensive search in the area with 800 volunteers, and there were many bodies recovered in those [first] days."

A 300-truck convoy of humanitarian relief bound for E. Ukraine was not allowed passage by Kiev on fear that the convoy might be carrying arms for the separatist, or worst, an advanced wedge ahead of a Russian invasion. Russia delivered without formal permits. The area was not known as Kievan Rus in the past for nothing!

The U.S. found allies in foisting fear over China's designs in its waters while it flies dangerously close to borders even as one of its U-2 like flights over Russia had to abort when it noticed land radar following its course. U.S. western Pacific pivot strategy takes the heat away from the Middle East oil flares but begs the question of why a "light on the hill" means U.S. occupying forces in Korea.

Japan recently identified Russia, DPRK, and China as threats to its national security. Shinzo Abe is the Pentagon's darling; he got the U.S. State's support in the contested four islands of Kiril Skyle Ostrova that Moscow took over from Imperial Japan after Potsdam and WWII.

Meanwhile, the Philippines' maritime claim versus China regrettably showed a double-speak when its Pentagon-guided proposal suggested a three-step process for claimants: 1) a stop on any activities in the area, 2) a dialogue between claimants, 3) a final recourse to international arbitration. The Philippines recently jumped into the third step behind the apron of the U.S. Fleet and the diplomatic shield of ASEAN before the previous steps.

South Korea's President Park Geun-hye whose political "allure" faded after the MV Sewol ferry sinking when she shed tears to apologize for the local Coast Guards' failure to respond

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quickly to save lives, was asked to respond to the news that DPRK flew missiles into the East Sea (aka Sea of Japan) that went farther than previous ones in protest to the joint military maneuvers (saber rattling to DPRK) of U.S.-SoKor forces.

Park decided that it was time to scrap the joint exercises, get Pyongyang's ear so folks in the Korean Peninsula, from Jeju to Yanbian/Mudanjiang's Korea-in-China's Manchuria, could cordially start talking to each other. The military heads of DPRK, SoKor, and the U.S. occupying forces would not hear of it. The four-decade annual large joint exercises (last year had two stealth jets appear) are purely for defensive reasons. Right. Track where the money goes and "defense" spending takes on a different meaning.

What I just described re President Park's decision on Korea did not happen. It was my Guomeimei at work. But it is not too farfetched from it ever happening. Celine Dion indefinitely cancelled all scheduled performances and tours upon discovering that her husband is dying of cancer. She halted a process already in motion to reconsider her options. If I may be allowed a sexist comment, it is always a lady navigator's option to re-decide on instinct.

Micronesians' inability to plan is often bewailed; they would rather just lounge on the catch of the day without worry about the prospects of tomorrow, some say. Political entities show consultant-written long-term plans but are unable to project themselves farther than the requirements of the day.

Shortsightedness it is, but beyond the bewailing, I say that it is more human to inhabit a moment's effulgent space than in competing in the race of time to be at some place and chalk up an achievement. Try rootedness in place. The value of planning is in its ability to give one the courage to care for the here-and-now by attending to its ebullience. It does not tie anyone to behave in a certain way just because a long-range "plan" is set to "law."

Indeed, Park Geun-hye could say, "OK, we've conducted 60 years of shooting wars. Let's try another way to relate to one another," then travels to Pyongyang sans fanfare. I wonder what Obama and the Pentagon would say if that happened? Guomeimei!

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## Quantum pneumatic mattressology

We spend a third of our lives sleeping. That is, of course, a rough average. There are exceptions. My pal Sparky, for example, is gunning for the two-thirds mark, and I'm happy to report that he's making solid progress as he strives to minimize that awkward span of time between his first breakfast cigarette and the start of happy hour.

Sleeping isn't a problem until it is a problem, and, whether you're a host, a guest, or someone afield camping, sometimes an air mattress is the best option when the number of sleepy human bodies exceeds the number of soft horizontal spaces. The good news is that air mattresses have come a long, long way from the cheap plastic products of yesteryear.

This is one topic that is ripe for a fresh look, especially if the in-laws swing by Saipan for a visit and decide to encamp in your living room.

I've ground through at least a dozen air mattresses over the years. Most have been mediocre at best. But I just found one that's remarkably good.

My wife and I recently found ourselves floor-camping in a relative's house, where we are, at present, still ensconced. After we arrived at the airport we went to a discount store and bought a product described as: The Intex Queen 13" Elevated Dura-Beam Airbed Mattress with Built-In Electric Pump. The 13 inches in the product name, by the way, refers to the height of the mattress. It cost about \$55.

We just wanted it as an expedient to tide us over from our arrival night until the next day, at which point we could book a hotel room. But the mattress proved to be so comfortable we're still floor-camping, which isn't a bad move considering that a decent hotel room

around here is about \$200 a night and a long drive from where we really need to be.

Meanwhile, "inflation" isn't just a phenomenon in economics news. An air mattress isn't worth much without air (people keep me around for these brilliant insights). I remember that back in the day we'd have to employ pneumatic gymnastics with a vacuum cleaner in order to inflate a mattress.

But evolution wouldn't be denied, and mattresses of more recent vintage often have ports for nozzles from small electric pumps that are about the size of hair dryers. These pumps are either battery-powered or wall socket-powered. I've got both flavors, since my camping kit has some air mattresses.

Our new Intex offers further evolution: a built-in electric pump that plugs into the wall socket. Now that I've tried the built-in pump of the Intex I've got all the zeal of a convert.

In addition to the convenience, the internal pump seems to dampen the loud squeal that air pumps make. That squeal makes the external pumps ear-splitting affairs to use even outdoors where there's no echo effect from walls.

We'll have to abandon this air mattress when our trip is over since we can't pack it with us, but we'll be buying an identical replacement when we get home.

As impressed as I am with the comfort and convenience, I don't expect this to be a bulletproof affair. After all, from my experience, when an air mattress decides to fail it will do so at a random time and without apparent provocation.

So, on a good day, your dart team can throw a herd of porcupines and a set of ice picks at an air mattress with no ill effects.

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Then, on a lousy day, a butterfly in Borneo will flap its wings. This will disturb a single molecule of oxygen in the troposphere. This will, in turn, alter the spin of an electron in the ionosphere on the other side of the planet, which will unleash a cascade of subatomic, quantum air events that will cause the mattress to go "poof" and deflate. Or, worse yet, depending on the species of butterfly, the quantum cascade will cause the mattress to slowly leak air so that you're awakened at 3am (it's always at 3am) when the thing finally bottoms out.

Or, well, something like that. I may have slightly distorted a few of the scientific details, but the fact remains that the dead hand of entropy loves air mattresses. Every air mattress will probably become a plastic pancake. However, that doesn't erase the fact that a good air mattress is still the best option in a lot of circumstances.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have to give Sparky his 2pm wakeup call. We've got business to discuss and he's a hard guy to reach these days.

## Political radar screen

Street corners, road shoulders and major intersections have turned into graveyards of political billboards. It's a mixed bag of politicos—less seasoned to unseasoned—all pitching their wares for votes. The endless smile through dawn raises curiosity: Can they do their jobs with the same resiliency?

We have young political timber that obviously outshines soggy old wood, the latter being useless in most cases. The younger ones offer more courage, ability to listen, and resiliency promising stronger engagement with issues.

You test the perceptivity of the old guards and they instantly sink into the netherworld of abecedarians—learning their ABCs. Analyzing, you quiz if you wish to leave your fate at their feet. If from the outset they're confused and disengaged, why prolong the agony? Change is here!

Policymaking is serious work requiring at least a four-year college degree in public administration, political science, economics, journalism, accounting, or business administration, among others. Any idea what current policies entail relating to taxation, investments, the legal system, renewable energy, land tenure system, and regulations—specifically whether they stifle or encourage growth? Specifically, are they constructive toward investments or simply predatory all the way around? Or is this the first time you've seen these queries raised?

What about the individual and joint roles of PSS and NMC in the education of our young people? Shouldn't NMC take the lead role in the formulation of policies through the establishment of a "research and development center"? Have you given these issues some preliminary review? I definitely wish to engage some of you in serious discussions on these issues. Doing another round of Three Blind Mice isn't going to cut it either. Your term is the defining moment on whether we make it or break it!

Up ahead, the current requirement of a high school diploma would

morph into an AA in a specific area of endeavor. Moreover, this requirement too would subsequently demand for a BA or BS degree commensurate with job openings. Do you see why the importance of education for our people? If you haven't been there it's good to brush up on policy issues. You want to be able to hit the ground running toward a goal post, confident you'd score a touchdown.

### Bureau must be equipped

Most neophyte legislators never find the back door of the chamber. The two years quickly zip by and he now must justify re-election. I mean how do you justify zero-sum performance?

This anomaly isn't solely the fault of legislators. The presiding officers should have funneled more money into the Legislative Bureau for professional expertise or mega-research work that may be sought by a legislator.

Upon completion of the research material and accompanying legislation, the legislator is given a briefing what the work entails from A-Z. He goes over it several times until he's conversant with it and could ably articulate it in committee meetings or on the floor. Otherwise, I've seen too many of them scavenging for legislation, including those written in ancient times.

An excellent example of a major law that should have included critical due diligence is our infamous casino industry. And so the law establishes one. Now what? Critical administrative agencies are now being gathered to address infrastructural deficit. These agencies should have been called right front and center earlier. Organization on this score has just started—the usual cart before the bull!

### Renegotiation?

Fact: The Covenant Agreement is a "permanent" arrangement and this assertion was confirmed by former Speaker Oscar Rasa, a Covenant negotiator himself. It's humiliating for any policymaker

al team of collaborators looked at these two types of farmers in rural China, carefully controlling for such things as income, ethnicity, climate and patterns of disease. And it turned out that people in wheat-farming districts look like folks from individualistic cultures. They draw sociograms in which the circles representing themselves were significantly larger. They are more likely to want a sleazy friend punished, and they link rabbits to dogs rather than to carrots. People from wheat districts also showed two additional markers of individualistic cultures—higher divorce rates, and they file more patents.

Thus, accidents of geography—in this case whether someone was born in a hilly or a flat region—can alter how a person thinks in all sorts of unexpected realms. Perhaps next, the researchers should study the ways in which the mountain tribes of Pacific Palisades think differently about bunnies and friendships than the plains tribes of, say, Whittier.

But the main point of cool studies such as this one is simply to make us marvel at the subtlety of the factors that shape us.

## DIFFERENT

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it's the opposite.

Naturally, not all members of a culture fit neatly into its norms. Nonetheless, numerous studies taking averages of study subjects have found large differences among cultures.

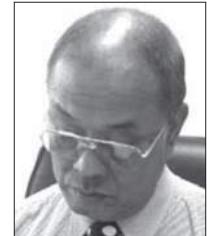
Of course, "Americans" and "East Asians" are pretty broad terms, and looking at differences within those cultures can also be interesting. That's what a terrific new study in the journal *Science* does. Much of traditional Chinese agriculture is about rice farming, which is the epitome of collectivism. Entire villages labor together to maintain irrigation systems, and crops are planted in rotation, since the whole village is needed to harvest each family's crop. But scattered throughout China are regions where wheat is farmed because it is too hilly to grow rice. In wheat country, each family works its own land.

Thomas Talhelm of the University of Virginia and an internation-

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to claim ignorance on this score. Are you suffering from atrophy of your own history?

The only avenue today is to seek revival of the 902 talks. Such is the right forum to review the relationship with honest assessments of the performance of both sides of the Pacific Divide!

If every discontent is superficially addressed via the pages of the newspaper, then it is hardly a realistic assessment of the sentiment of the indigenous people. A few spouts and irrelevant patch ups aren't necessarily representative of local views.

If "meaningful self-government" is the goal, did we fight the feds responsibly on takeover of immigration? Doesn't control of immigration and labor go in tandem with economic growth? Interesting the view of shallow politicians then who saw it as being disrespectful.

Would you still carry the same servile attitude given the destruction federal immigration takeover has forced upon the local economy? Obviously, there was the grand lack of perceptivity to even see the direct relationship between immigration and the local economy.

Definitely, a lot has gone wrong in paradise. Chief of these is the caliber of leadership who never had the gravitas and insightful intuition to see beyond the years. It's stuck in the dystopian view that acceding to every whim from Washington is the answer to guarding the fragile island economy of the NMI. We had lousy, disengaged, and disoriented stewards, didn't we?

### Truth hurts!

Over the years, folks who were here nearly four to five decades ago or so would revisit the islands and render views of events per their prism. At any rate and regardless of their spouts you should steer clear turning into reactionaries.

Staying cool-headed grants you cerebral view of their opinions without resorting to racial ad hominem. Sure, we may not have the writing agility to shoot right back with thoughtful rhetoric. It's more the reason to stay calm and fact-check your materials.

Gary DuBrall has riled up local dystopian mañana or comfort zones. It's easy refuting his assertions, but what's our concern, the commissioner's fate or the quality of instructions for our children? Get my drift? Again, it isn't who said it but what was said—must separate people from issues—in order to rationally benefit from healthy discussions. This is part and whole of the democratic process!

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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

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## Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 84	▼ 78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲ 81	▼ 79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 79
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 83	▼ 80
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲ 83	▼ 80

## Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲ 58	▼ 54
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 82	▼ 69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 79
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92	▼ 68
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 76
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 66	▼ 42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88	▼ 81
New York	Sunny	▲ 81	▼ 61
Osaka	Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 67
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74	▼ 57
Pusan	Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 67
Rome	Sunny	▲ 88	▼ 68
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 58
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 81	▼ 64
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 81	▼ 70
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 64

## Tides

### Sunrise/Sunset

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:04 AM	6:32 PM	Today	8:40 AM	8:47 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM	Saturday	9:29 AM	9:28 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM	Sunday	10:20 AM	10:13 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:30 PM	Monday	11:13 AM	11:00 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:29 PM	Tuesday	12:07 PM	11:51 PM

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### DEPARTURES

#### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

#### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7
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#### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7
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#### SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT
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#### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
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#### SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

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 **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**
**Japan Consulate offers class on Japanese culture**

The Consular Office of Japan on Saipan will host a class about the Japanese culture on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, from 3pm to 4:30pm, at the conference room of the Consular Office of Japan, second floor of the Bank of Hawaii Building, Mariana Heights Business Park, Puerto Rico, Saipan. The lecture will focus on the nature of Japanese culture, *haiku* (Japanese poetry), and Japan video topics.

Any interested person is kindly requested to register by Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014, by contacting the Saipan Secretariat at [cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp](mailto:cojsf@ag.mofa.go.jp). The class will be limited to 10 people due to the seating capacity and it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please register your name as early as possible. (PR)

**DPS to close Marpi today**

The Department of Public Safety will block off the northern part of the island, Marpi, on Friday, Aug. 29, from 12pm to 3pm. The purpose of this blockage is to dispose of the significant collection of unexploded ordnance that has been collected by the Department of Public Safety Explosive Response Team. All visitors to these popular areas of the island are requested to make arrangements to visit either in the morning before the 12 noon deadline or after the operation has completed at 3pm. Anyone with questions may contact the Explosives Response Team operational supervisor, Sgt. Anthony I. Macaranas, at 483-5818. (DPS)

**Marpi landfill closes before 12pm today**

The Marpi landfill will only be open from 7:30am to 11:30am today, Aug. 29. However, the facility will be closed before 12pm due to the disposal of unexploded ordnance to be conducted by the Department of Public Safety. For your safety, stay away from the landfill and its surrounding areas. For more information, call the Solid Waste Management Division Enrique Dela Cruz at 322-2745/2760. (PR)

**Military to conduct training at FDM**

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla from 5am on Sept. 8 to 11:59pm on Oct. 6. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical

mile radius on all quadrants. For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

**Free workshop on project planning and development**

The Administration for Native Americans Pacific Region Training and Technical Assistance Center will be conducting a Project Planning & Development Training workshop at Northern Marianas College from Sept. 8 to 10, from 9am to 4pm, in room N-5.

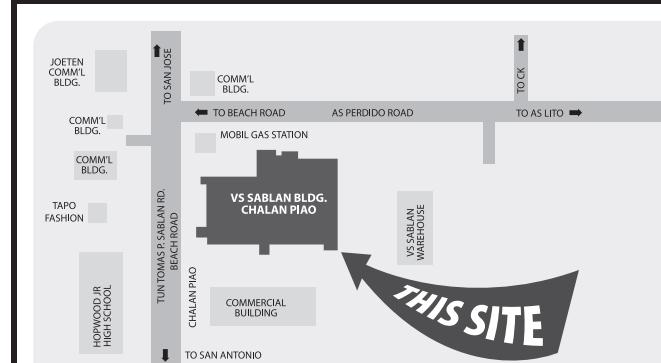
Are you developing a project to serve your native Chamorro and/or Carolinian community? Attend this three-day workshop and learn how to

document and demonstrate a community-driven start up process, create a project work plan, develop measurable outcomes and impacts, and determine the resources and funding you need.

The training will be held on Saipan but will be broadcast through videoconference live to Rota (NMC campus) and Tinian (NMC campus).

The training is made possible through partnerships with the Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Aramasal Faluw, NMC, and Ka'anani'au LLC (Hawaii). The three-day workshop is free, and you can register on the first day (Sept. 8, at NMC, Room N-5) or register online at [www.anapacificbasin.org](http://www.anapacificbasin.org). (PR)

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## DPS brings anti-bullying campaign to SCS

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Department of Public Safety police officers Nick Leon Guerrero and Dee Udui join students and staff of Saipan Community School after a presentation on the CNMI's "Stop Bullying" campaign on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Inset, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students, pose with the police officers.

Saipan Community School hosted Department of Public Safety police officers Nick Leon Guerrero and Dee Udui on Tuesday and Wednesday this week for the CNMI's "Stop Bullying" campaign.

The elementary school—Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade—assembled in the school chapel on Tuesday to participate in Leon Guerrero's

anti-bullying presentation, while the junior high students—grades 6 to 8—assembled for the same presentation on Wednesday.

The students learned how to identify bullying, to stand up to bullies, and to report any acts of bullying anywhere they are. The officers made it very clear to the students that bullying is not tolerated in the CNMI and



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# International Festival of Cultures kicks off Sept. 13

The Marianas Visitors Authority kicks off its newest annual signature event, the International Festival of Cultures, on Sept. 13, 2014.

Organized in conjunction with the Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture and PDM Promoters, the festival will be staged for four consecutive Saturdays at the Paseo de Marianas pedestrian mall in Garapan.

"The goal of the International Festival of Cultures is to showcase the unique and diverse cultures of our islands for both visitors and our local community," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "With this in mind, we hope the International Festival of Cultures will become just as popular at the annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden staged during May Tourism Month."

Slated for Sept. 13, 20, and 27 and Oct. 4, 2014, on each night various cultural groups from the Pacific and Asia will showcase their heritage through performing arts, cui-

sine, and arts and crafts. Demonstration booths will feature basket weaving, *mwar*-making (floral head lei), storyboard carving, origami paper folding, and more.

In addition, a parade of cultures will be held on Oct. 4 at 5:30pm in Garapan from the Carolinian Affairs Office north along Beach Road to American Memorial Park, ending at

Coral Tree Avenue.

"We hope everyone will make it a point to stop by the International Festival of Cultures this year and share this opportunity with our visitors,"

said Duenas.

Booths will open at 5pm. Performances begin at 6pm and the event will run until 11pm. Admission is free and open to the public. (MVA)



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The Marianas Visitors Authority organizes a series of signature events each year to attract more visitors and enhance their visiting experience while on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.



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# Hotel association donates \$1,000 to PAWS



Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Nick Nishikawa presents a donation to secretary/treasurer Bobbie Grizzard of Pet Assistance and Welfare Services on Aug. 28, 2014, at Kanoa Resort Saipan. Pictured from left are HANMI members: Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio; general manager Ivan Quichocho, Century Hotel; general manager Gloria Cavanagh, Mariana Resort & Spa; Grizzard; general manager Abner Acosta, Fiesta Resort & Spa; general manager Nishikawa, Hyatt Regency Saipan; legal counsel Marcia Schultz; general manager Akira Takaoka, Hafadai Beach Hotel; and general manager Hiroyuki Toyoshima, Aqua Resort Club Saipan.

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draisers, the HANMI Charity Golf Tournament Classic and the Go-Kart Championship.

"The overwhelming support HANMI receives from our sponsors and competitors at our fundraisers makes it possible for us to support charitable organizations such as PAWS, whom we have also supported in the past," said Nishikawa. "These donations are a tradition of community service that we are pleased to continue."

As of July this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 83.49 percent, 1 percent lower than last year.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Northern Mariana Islands. **(HANMI)**

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands donated \$1,000 to the Pet Assistance & Welfare Services yesterday.

The donation was received by PAWS secretary/treasurer Bobbie Grizzard at HANMI's monthly general membership meeting at Kanoa Resort Saipan.

"It's our pleasure to support PAWS in their continuing effort to assist stray dogs and cats, as well as the other services they provide," said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. "It takes a heart of compassion to do this work, and we appreciate their efforts on behalf of our entire island community."

Nishikawa noted the donation comes from the proceeds of HANMI's two annual fun-

**Power 99 signs on as a title sponsor of the 'Green Gala'**

As part its commitment to supporting community events and the CNMI's natural resources, Power 99 recently donated over \$3,900 in contributions to Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance. The donation was made as part of MINA's annual fundraising event, the Green Gala, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014.

"Power 99 has been a strong supporter of MINA," said Brooke Nevitt, MINA interim executive director. "We look forward to continuing our partnership for the Green Gala and appreciate their commitment to our efforts."

The leading conservation nonprofit organization in the Commonwealth, MINA has successfully implemented many projects, including the Obyan Rehabilitation Project, the Teacher Environmental Camp, the Marine Debris Prevention program, and the Tasi Watch Project. The organization is supported by project grants and from generous contributions from local businesses and community members.

In order to continue its efforts to preserve and protect the CNMI's fragile environment and biodiversity, MINA is seeking the community's participation in the Green Gala event. In addition to lively entertainment, dinner and a variety of beverages, the Green Gala will feature brief highlights from MINA's projects, a silent auction, and many other activities that promise a memorable evening.

Last year's Green Gala was sold out, so organizers are encouraging those who plan to attend to buy their tickets early.

Tickets for the Green Gala event can be purchased at the MINA Office in Gualo Rai or from any of the volunteer Board members.

There are four categories of sponsorship (Emerald, Title, Major, and Event categories) that correspond to the value of companies' contribution. To become a sponsor of the event, contact Nevitt at 233-REEF (7333), or email castro.fran@gmail.com. **(MINA)**

Many hours, days and years we labor to nurture our health, to meet our daily needs and plan for the future and in so doing, make a useful contribution to society.

On this day we thank everyone who contributes to making our community function—from the accountant to the warehouse guy, the caregivers and homemakers, teachers, nurses, doctors, fisherman and farmers, the cashiers and drivers, bank tellers, construction workers, housekeepers, beauticians, volunteers, the clergy, tradespersons, the surf guy, and the gas guy, government employees, and the thousands who labor to make this community a wonderful place to call home. We thank you all on this Labor Day and beyond.



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# Business

## IMF chief Lagarde under investigation in France

**PARIS** (AP)—Christine Lagarde, the chief of the International Monetary Fund, was put under official investigation for negligence in a French corruption probe that dates back to her days as France's finance minister.

After a fourth round of questioning before magistrates on Wednesday, Lagarde said she was returning to her work in Washington, and called the investigation "without basis." She is the third IMF managing director in a decade to face legal troubles.

Lagarde and her former chief of staff have faced questions about their role in an arbitra-

tion ruling that handed 400 million euros (\$531 million) to a French businessman with a checkered past.

"After three years of proceedings, dozens of hours of questioning, the court found from the evidence that I committed no offense, and the only allegation is that I was not sufficiently vigilant," she said in a statement.

Under French law, the official investigation is equivalent to preliminary charges, meaning there is reason to suspect an infraction. Investigating judges can later drop a case or issue formal charges and send it to trial.

### US economy is forecast to grow by 1.5 percent in 2014

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Congressional Budget Office on Wednesday forecast that the U.S. economy will grow by just 1.5 percent in 2014, undermined by a poor performance during the first three months of the year.

The new assessment was considerably more pessimistic than the Obama administration's, which predicted last month that the economy would expand by 2.6 percent this year even though it contracted by an annual rate of 2.1 percent in the first quarter.

The economy did grow by 0.9 percent during the first half of 2014.

Looking ahead, the CBO said it expected the economy to grow by 3.4 percent over 2015 and 2016, and predicted that the unemployment rate would remain below 6 percent into the future.

The economy went into reverse at the beginning of this year, reeling from an unusually harsh winter that disrupted consumer spending, factory production and other

business activity.

Growth in the gross domestic product, the economy's total output of goods and services, recovered in the second quarter, advancing at an annual rate of 4 percent, according to the government's first estimate. That forecast will be revised on Thursday.

Even with the rebound, economists have lowered their outlook for the entire year, given the weak start. Economists at JPMorgan Chase are forecasting that the economy will grow by 1.9 percent this year, when measured from the fourth quarter, down from 3.1 percent in 2013.

The CBO also projected that the government would run a deficit of \$506 billion for the budget year that ends Sept. 30. That would be the lowest level of Barack Obama's presidency.

When the deficit is measured against the size of the economy, the comparison used most by analysts, it is within historic levels at 2.9 percent of GDP. Last year's deficit was \$680 billion.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### FBI investigating reports of attacks on US banks

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The FBI said Wednesday it's working with the Secret Service to determine the scope of recently reported cyberattacks against several U.S. financial institutions. A report on Bloomberg.com said Wednesday that the FBI is investigating an incident in which Russian hackers attacked the U.S. financial system this month in possible retaliation against U.S. government-sponsored sanctions aimed at Russia. The attack, Bloomberg said, led to the loss of sensitive data. Bloomberg cited security experts saying that the attack appeared "far beyond the capability of ordinary criminal hackers."

#### Time Warner Cable says outages largely resolved

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Time Warner Cable said Wednesday that service was largely restored after a problem during routine maintenance caused a nationwide outage of its Internet service for hours. The company said it is still investigating the cause of the problem, which occurred with its Internet backbone—the paths that local or regional networks connect to in order to carry data long distances. The problem affected all of Time Warner Cable's markets and started at 4:30 a.m. Eastern, sparking widespread complaints on social networks. Service was largely restored by 6 a.m. The company is working to bring all customers back online.



In this March 19, 2014 file photo, International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde arrives at a courthouse, in Paris, Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Defense lawyer Yves Repiquet said the negligence claim was "paltry," "extremely minor," and "unfounded," and said investigators could not make a valid case for tougher penalties. He said he will file a motion to have the preliminary charge dismissed.

"There was no reason for her to resign," Repiquet said by phone. Lagarde will not be required to answer questions for the case for months at the least, he said, insisting it will have no impact on her ability to do her job.

The charge could bring up to a year in prison and a fine of

15,000 euros.

"We're nowhere near that just yet," said lawyer Christopher Mesnooh of Field Fisher Waterhouse. "This will probably not go to any kind of a trial or a next stage until next year at the earliest."

"It's a very complicated matter, with enormous political and legal ramifications."

The 400-million-euro payment was awarded to Bernard Tapie, a flamboyant and high-profile businessman, in a dispute over the sale of his majority stake in sportswear company Adidas nearly a generation ago.

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# Nation

## US to consider spousal abuse in immigration claims

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—A government immigration board has determined for the first time that domestic violence victims may be able to qualify for asylum in the United States. The ruling comes in the case of a Guatemalan woman who crossed into the U.S. illegally in 2005 after fleeing her husband.

She said she called local police in Guatemala to report the abuse but was repeatedly told that the authorities would not interfere in her marriage. She argued that the abuse and the lack of police response should make her eligible for asylum.

In the first-of-its kind ruling Tuesday, the Justice Department

ment's Board of Immigration Appeals agreed, at least in part. In the nine-page decision, the appeals board concluded that the unidentified immigrant met at least one criterion for asylum: as a married Guatemalan woman who couldn't leave her relationship, she was part of a particular social group.

The Homeland Security Department, which prosecutes deportation cases, did not contest the immigrant's argument. The appeals board sent the case back to an immigration judge.

The board sent the case back to an immigration judge for a final ruling.

The ruling by the board that decides appeals from federal

immigration courts is significant because it means that the government now recognizes domestic violence victims as a potentially protected class of

people seeking refuge in the United States.

The decision establishes a broad and firm foothold for an untold number of women

whose asylum claims have been routinely denied in the past.

But proving all the elements of any asylum case can still be difficult. Those seeking protection have to prove they will be persecuted in their home country because

of their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. They also have to prove that their home government is either involved in the persecution or unable or unwilling to stop it.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Shooting by 9-year-old girl stirs debate over guns

**PHOENIX** (AP)—The accidental shooting death of a firing-range instructor by a 9-year-old girl with an Uzi has set off a powerful debate over youngsters and guns, with many people wondering what sort of parents would let a child handle a submachine gun. Instructor Charles Vacca, 39, was standing next to the girl Monday at the Last Stop range in White Hills, Arizona, about 60 miles south of Las Vegas, when she squeezed the trigger. The recoil wrenched the Uzi upward, and Vacca was shot in the head. Prosecutors say they will not file

charges in the case. Gerry Hills, founder of Arizonans for Gun Safety, a group seeking to reduce gun violence, said that it was reckless to let the girl handle such a powerful weapon and that tighter regulations regarding children and guns are needed.

#### 'Cops' crew member killed in Omaha police shooting

**OMAHA, Neb.** (AP)—Police officers who opened fire while disrupting a robbery at a fast-food restaurant in Omaha killed a crew member with the TV show "Cops" as well as the suspect, who was armed with a pellet gun that they thought was a real handgun, au-

thorities said Wednesday. The suspect fired from the pellet gun before officers returned fire, Police Chief Todd Schmaderer said at a news conference. He said witnesses and officers thought the robbery suspect's Airsoft handgun looked and sounded real, but discovered later that it fires only plastic pellets. The suspect, whom police identified as 32-year-old Cortez Washington, was struck by the officers' gunfire, but fled outside of the restaurant before collapsing. Officers continued firing on the suspect as he exited the restaurant, and that was when the "Cops" crew member, 38-year-old Bryce Dion, was also struck, said Schmaderer.



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The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOFOI  
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: August 22, 2014

# Asia

# Neighbors urge Japan to stick to history

**TOKYO** (AP)—China and South Korea on Thursday urged Japan to stick to history and reflect on its wartime aggression after Tokyo confirmed that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe sent a note earlier this year to a ceremony honoring more than a thousand World War II-era war criminals praising their contributions.

Abe sent the message to an

annual ceremony April 29 at the Koyasan Buddhist temple in central Japan in his capacity as head of the ruling party, not as prime minister, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters Wednesday.

"I humbly express my deepest sympathy for the martyrs ... who sacrificed their souls to become the foundation of peace and prosperity in Japan

today," Abe wrote in his note, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press through the ceremony organizers' office.

Many Asian countries that suffered from Japanese militarism in the first half of the 20th century see honoring war criminals as a lack of remorse by Tokyo for wartime aggression. The revelation of Abe's

note could especially worsen Japan's ties with China and South Korea, which have repeatedly criticized Abe's views on wartime history, widely seen as revisionist.

China's Foreign Ministry on Thursday said Japan should reflect on its wartime aggression and make a "clean break with militarism" to rebuild relations with Asian neighbors.

"We urge Japan to adhere to its commitment to reflect on the invasion and take solid action to win the trust of Asian neighbors and international community," spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement.

South Korea's Foreign Min-

istry said Abe's message raises a question on the sincerity of Tokyo's past apology over Japanese wartime aggression, and urged Japan to act in accordance with its stated willingness to contribute to regional peace and improve ties with South Korea.

"We cannot help being deeply concerned about the fact that Prime Minister Abe has been repeatedly engaging in acts that

can be interpreted as denying a postwar structure established based on the international community's punishment on Japan's wartime crimes," ministry spokesman Noh Kwang-il told reporters Thursday.

Tokyo's relations with Beijing and Seoul have been badly strained since Abe prayed last December at Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine, which honors 2.5 million Japanese war dead, including 14 executed "Class-A" war criminals.

More than a year and a half since taking office, Abe has not been able to hold bilateral meetings with the leaders of the two countries.

Abe's message was read aloud at the April ceremony, according to Midori Nakatsuji at the organizers' office. She said Abe sent a similar message to last year's memorial service.

## Undersea search for Malaysian plane refined

By ROD McGUIRK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CANBERRA, Australia** (AP)—The search area for a missing Malaysian airliner in the southern Indian Ocean has been refined based on the latest analysis, while the investigation into how the plane came to crash cannot proceed until the wreckage and black boxes are recovered, officials said Thursday.

Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss said analysis of a failed attempted satellite phone call from Malaysia Airlines to Flight 370, which disappeared March 8, "suggests to us that the aircraft might have turned south a little earlier than we had previously expected."

The overall search area still remained unchanged, he said. He did not elaborate on how that analysis was achieved.

Truss and Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai signed a memorandum of understanding on Thursday on cooperation in the search for the missing Boeing 777 as it progresses to the expensive next phase. The agreement shares the ongoing costs between the two countries.

## 6 dead, 21 missing in landslide in southwest China

**BEIJING** (AP)—Six people died and 21 remained missing Thursday after a landslide hit a village in southwestern China, according to Chinese state media.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that 77 houses collapsed or were buried in the Wednesday night landslide in the village of Yingping in Guizhou province. Xinhua said another 21 people were injured in the landslide.

State television network CCTV said a small reservoir was breached during the landslide, and the flooding caused further damage to the village. The channel showed dozens of rescuers combing a wide site covered in dried mud.

The airliner disappeared with 239 people aboard after flying far off course from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

Liow said investigators had advised that success of the undersea search for wreckage and the aircraft's black boxes with cockpit voice recordings and flight data was crucial to solving the mystery of the disaster.

"The investigation cannot continue without the search result," Liow said.

"We need to find the plane,

we need to find the black box in the plane so that we can have a conclusion in the investigation," he added.

Malaysia, as the country where the Boeing 777 was flagged, has overall responsibility for the crash investigation. But Australia has search and rescue responsibility for the area of the Indian Ocean where the plane is thought to have crashed 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) off Australia's west coast.

### Procurement And Supply CNMI Government

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP14-DCCA/CCDF-141

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

#### "TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR CCDF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES, A PROJECT UNDER THE DCCA - CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM"

The scope of work for this project will be available on or after August 22, 2014 at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Child Care Development Fund Office Building No. 1347, Ascension Court in Capitol Hill, Saipan at 10:00 a.m., local time, on September 12, 2014.

Any questions shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Maribel S.D. Loste, Program Administrator via email at [ccdf.maribel@state.gu](mailto:ccdf.maribel@state.gu) or by fax to (670) 664-2547 no later than the close of business, September 17, 2014.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ LAURA T. OGUMORO  
Secretary of DCCA

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### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING FACILITIES PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-15

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting proposals for the Management and Operation of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities for five (5) years.

The Proposal Package and Specifications will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning August 22, 2014.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saipan International Airport Terminal Departure Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All proposers are requested to attend.

All proposals must be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Management and Operations of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities, CPA-RFP-001-15". One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, September 12, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA  
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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22", and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., October 3, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, September 12, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifications, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

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# World

## Israeli premier, Hamas declare victory in Gaza war

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Both Israel's prime minister and Hamas declared victory Wednesday in the Gaza war, though their competing claims left questions over future terms of their uneasy peace still lingering.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's comments, delivered in a prime-time address on national television, appeared aimed at countering critics of the war, with both hard-liners in his governing coalition, as well as residents of rocket-scarred southern Israel, saying the war was a failure because it did not halt Hamas' rocket attacks or oust the group from power.

Masked Hamas militants carrying heavy weapons gave their



own address upon the rubble of one destroyed Gaza neighborhood, though their own major demands won't be addressed until indirect talks with Israel

begin again in Cairo. Israel and Hamas agreed to an open-ended truce Tuesday, with each side settling for an ambiguous interim agreement in

exchange for a period of calm. Hamas, though badly battered, remains in control of Gaza with part of its military arsenal intact. Israel and Egypt will continue to control access to blockaded Gaza, despite Hamas' long-running demand that the border closures imposed in 2007 be lifted.

Hamas is seeking an end to the Israeli blockade, including the reopening of Gaza's sea and airport. It also wants Egypt to reopen its Rafah border crossing, the territory's main gateway to the outside world. Under the restrictions, virtually all of Gaza's 1.8 million people cannot trade or travel. Only a few thousand are able to leave the coastal territory every month.

Israel, meanwhile, wants Hamas to be disarmed.

"Hamas was hit hard and it received not one of the demands it set forth for a cease-fire, not one," Netanyahu said. He said Israel "will not tolerate" any more rocket fire, and would respond "even harder" if the attacks resume.

Addressing the future of Gaza, Netanyahu said that should Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas "choose peace," he would be happy for the Palestinian leader to regain control of the coastal enclave, which the Islamic militant group Hamas has ruled since it

routed Abbas' forces in 2007. Netanyahu indicated that so long as Hamas was in power, reaching a negotiated solution to the conflict with the Palestinians was impossible.

Critics have said that Netanyahu did not go far enough to topple Hamas and that the war, meant to end incessant rocket fire on communities in Israel's south, changed little on the ground at the cost of 70 people killed on the Israeli side, all but six soldiers. The war marked the third round of fighting since Hamas seized power in Gaza.

"Both sides did not exactly want this campaign, both sides made all possible errors dragging them into it, and both sides find themselves today returning to square one, where they were at the start of the warfare," wrote Alex Fishman in the Yediot Ahronot daily newspaper.

Much of the criticism has come from residents of southern Israeli communities, thousands of whom fled their homes to seek safer areas during the war. They complain they have lived under rocket barrages for more than a decade without any change.

Many said they were reluctant to return to their homes, fearing that the cease-fire did not secure an end to rocket and mortar fire on their communities.

### Gaza conflict

- June 30: Bodies of three missing Israeli teenagers found.
- July 1: Israeli airstrikes target 34 sites
- July 12: U.N. calls for a cease-fire.
- July 15: Palestinian militants fire more than 140 rockets, spurning the cease-fire proposal
- July 17: Israeli ground troops enter Gaza.
- Aug. 1: Hamas and IDF soldiers exchange fire, ending a planned 72-hour cease-fire.
- Aug. 5: Egyptian mediators call a 72-hour truce and hold indirect talks in Cairo.
- Aug. 11: After fighting resumed, another cease-fire is agreed to, more talks in Cairo begin.
- Aug. 13: The cease-fire is extended 5 more days
- Aug. 21: An Israeli airstrike kills 3 Hamas leaders. The next day, Hamas kills 18 suspected traitors.
- Aug. 26: Hamas and Israel agree to an open-ended cease-fire.

Source: Chicago Tribune, MCT, IDF  
Graphic: Tyler Davis © 2014 MCT

## US official warns Ebola outbreak will get worse

**FREETOWN, Sierra Leone** (AP)—A third top doctor has died from Ebola in Sierra Leone, a government official said Wednesday, as a leading American health official warned that the outbreak sweeping West Africa would get worse.

The disease has already killed more than 1,400 people in Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone, and Doctors Without Borders warned that the tremendous influx of patients in Liberia, in particular, is overwhelming their treatment centers there.

"I wish I didn't have to say this, but it is going to get worse before it gets better," Dr. Tom Frieden, the

director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said of the outbreak at the end of a visit to Liberia, where he described the situation as dire.

Liberia has recorded the highest number of cases and deaths of any of the four countries. Doctors Without Borders said in a statement that a new treatment center recently opened in the country's capital with 120 beds filled up almost immediately.

The tremendous number of patients means that the medical charity is not able to provide those patients with intravenous treatments, a primary way doctors keep people who are losing a

tremendous amount of fluid alive.

The group did not mention Frieden's visit or recent U.N. ones, but it said discussions happening now about international coordination are coming too late and that there are countries that could make a dramatic difference if they provided more expertise and resources. It did not name the countries.

"This is not only an Ebola outbreak—it is a humanitarian emergency, and it needs a full-scale humanitarian response," Lindis Hurum, the group's emergency coordinator in Monrovia, the Liberian capital, said in the statement.

## Mother of US reporter in Syria begs for his life

**BEIRUT** (AP)—The mother of a hostage American journalist pleaded for his release Wednesday in a video directed at the Islamic State group, while new images emerged of mass killings, including masked militants shooting kneeling men after the capture of a strategic air base in Syria.

Shirley Sotloff's plea came as a U.N. commission accused the group, which dominates a broad swath of territory spanning the Syria-Iraq border, of committing crimes against humanity and President Barack Obama weighs options for targeting the

extremists' stronghold in Syria.

The Islamic State militants have threatened to kill 31-year-old Steven Sotloff unless the U.S. halts its airstrikes against it.

Sotloff, who freelanced for Time and Foreign Policy magazines, had last been seen in Syria in August 2013 until he appeared in a video released online last week by the Islamic State group showing the beheading of fellow American journalist, James Foley. Dressed in an orange jumpsuit against the backdrop of an arid Syrian landscape, Sotloff was threatened with death unless

the U.S. stopped airstrikes on the group in Iraq.

Addressing the leader of the Islamic State group by name, Shirley Sotloff said her son was "an innocent journalist" who shouldn't pay for U.S. government actions in the Middle East over which he has no control.

Appealing directly to Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who describes himself as a caliph, or Islamic leader intending to lead the Muslim world, she implored him to show mercy and follow the example of the prophet Muhammad.

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# Off the Wall

## Crested Butte to be Bud Light's 'Whatever' town

**DENVER** (AP)—Some people in normally laid back Crested Butte are not up for "Whatever"—a secretive Bud Light plan to paint their mountain town blue and turn it into a fantasy town for an online and television ad campaign.

The company has agreed to pay the town \$250,000 to fence off its main street and bring in more than 1,000 revelers to the town of 1,500 for the Sept. 5 to 7 event being promoted on social media, The Denver Post reported.

Secrecy has been part of the "Are you up for Whatever?" campaign from its beginning at last year's Super Bowl when Arnold Schwarzenegger appeared in a spot playing

pingpong with Don Cheadle in an elevator with a llama. Town councilors have been quietly working on the plan since the spring. Word began leaking out recently as outsiders showed up with measuring tapes and checklists, telling locals they couldn't talk about what they were doing and booking lots of hotel rooms.

Residents, including some in costumes, packed a three-hour meeting to talk about the event on Monday night. Some said they backed it as a way to make money for the town but others worried joining forces with a large company would damage the image of a town that hosts an annual film festival and is more partial to craft beers.

Kevin McGruther, who came dressed in Mickey Mouse ears, said he objected to the town being turned into Disneyland. Former U.S. Sen. Tim Wirth, who lives in Crested Butte, also opposed the idea and the secrecy surrounding it.

Dan Marshall, an event planner hired by the town, said the secrecy was necessary to avoid the town being overrun by people wanting to be a part of the event.

Izzy's bagel shop owner Craig Maestro said he was too angry to attend the meeting and vowed to rip down any blue fencing in front of his shop.

"It's an absolute disrespect to the community to keep it secret from us," he said.

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#### Location:

• Tinian Bulk Plant, San Jose, Northern Mariana Islands

#### Primary Job Functions:

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- Adhere to programs and take a dynamic and proactive approach to ensure the safety, health, environment and security of its employees, customers and the public.
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- Perform Oil loss monitoring duties.
- Interface with third party contractors, local and federal government agencies, internal and external customers, and Mobil global network system.
- Conduct simple math calculations and conversions of temperature, weights and measures.

#### Qualifications:

- Experience in safe petroleum handling, distribution and storage or related field.
- Must be familiar with computer applications in spreadsheet, word processing.
- Understanding of Federal and Local regulations as they apply to petroleum handling, storage, and distribution.
- Must be able to work shifts based on a 24-hour work day, work extended hours, weekends and holidays.
- Good Interpersonal skills.
- Ability to communicate orally and in writing in English.

#### Preference will be given to candidates with the following skills:

- Experience in marine terminal operations.
- Previous experience in petroleum handling and storage.
- Previous experience in Petroleum Industry.

If you are interested in and meet the qualifications for this position, please submit your resume on or before September 15, 2014.

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#### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

##### 5-pound Pomeranian is world's fastest on 2 feet

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Jiff was already cute, lovable and talented. Now he's proven he's speedy too. The 4-year-old, 5-pound Pomeranian blazed into the 60th edition of the Guinness World Records book that comes out Sept. 10. He can run 10 meters (9.1 yards) on his hind legs in 6.56 seconds and 5 meters (4.55 yards) on his front paws in 7.76 seconds. Both times are faster than any other dog on the planet has clocked. It's the first glimpse of the new book, and Jiff appears in it in 3-D. He's used to the spotlight, as a regular on television, a model and a social media phenom. His owners have remained anonymous so they don't detract from his popularity.

##### Maine lobsterman catches rare blue lobster

**SCARBOROUGH, Maine** (AP)—A Maine lobsterman says he and his 14-year-old daughter caught a one-in-two-million crustacean: a blue

lobster. WCSH-TV reports Jay LaPlante of the Miss Meghan Lobster Catch company caught the curious creature in Scarborough around 10:45 a.m. Saturday. LaPlante and daughter Meghan were hauling traps when she discovered the bright blue critter. The story has a happy ending for the lobster. Meghan says she is naming it Skyler and donating it to the Maine State Aquarium, far from any dinner rolls or pats of butter.

##### Arizona man drives hour to save injured bear

**PHOENIX** (AP)—An injured bear cub is recovering in Arizona after a man who initially thought it was a dead dog along the side of the road scooped it up and drove it 80 miles to get help. KTAR-FM reports that Christopher Morris of Payson called several rescues in the Payson area to take the bear but none had space. He then contacted the Southwest Wildlife Conservation Center about an hour away in Scottsdale, which agreed to take the bear, and he took the cub on the road trip.

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**MESA, Ariz.** (AP)—Inside a nondescript garage-like workshop nestled between restaurants, a flower shop and jewelry stores along Main Street, ideas are taking shape.

At HeatSync Labs, the tables are littered with computer chips, pens, pads and tools while the room is abuzz with the chatter of would-be inventors hoping to change the world—or just make cool things. They are part of a growing global movement of so-called hackerspaces.

“It’s all about sharing what we know with one another,” said Mitch Altman, 57, founder of a similar setup in San Francisco called Noisebridge. “It’s centered around community and education and a place where people do what they love doing and hopefully make a living from it.”

The idea began to take shape in the U.S. after Altman and other Americans attended a 2007 computing conference in Germany where panelists spoke of their own hackerspaces. Altman returned home, met with fellow tinkerers, rented a space for Noisebridge the next year.



Brett Warner, left, watches as Alisa Palson works on a project at HeatSync Labs in Phoenix, in this photo made Sunday, July 27, 2014.

his keyboard.

“Anybody that I’ve shown this thing immediately wants to play with it and touch it and make the colors dance and things like that,” McDermott said. “That’s the fun thing for me: getting people’s reaction out of it.”

While many projects in hackerspaces are done as hobbies or just for the challenge, some have been turned into multimillion-dollar products. The MakerBot, for example, was created by a tinkerer at NYC Resistor and is now one of the most well-known 3D printers on the market.

And while hackerspaces have been quick to spread, each has sprouted locally with its own unique flavor.

HeatSync, for instance, gives members 24/7 access to the facility for paying dues that help cover the costs for rent and tools. For non-paying members of the public, HeatSync opens its doors for three hours every weekday, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., during which they can work on projects and share ideas.

“Anybody can get their foot in the door,” said HeatSync co-founder Jacob Rosenthal, 33. “It’s their job to make it work for them but (we) give you a

time to meet the people and to get access to some of the tools and to show people your project and get people excited about what you do.”

Jeremy Leung, 30, an IT security consultant and another co-founder of HeatSync, said those involved in the movement also are working to dispel the myth that hackers are, well, hackers who are an ominous security threat to credit card data and computer systems worldwide.

In reality, those involved in the movement say it has a much more productive mission: to improve existing technology and in some cases create new ideas.

“Hacker had become this muddled term in the media,” Leung said, describing the origins of the word as merely “someone that takes a technology and they learn so much about it that they’re able to take it past what the initial idea was.”

Campbell hopes to do just that with his nuclear fusion chamber. When he fires it up, nobody will be able to change those helium atoms back into hydrogen.

“All of a sudden, something’s irrevocably different,” Campbell said. “And that’s kind of cool.”

### TECH Q&A

## Ransomware fix is now available

By STEVE ALEXANDER  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

This is how fast things change in technology: Some advice I gave two weeks ago is obsolete.

It involved “ransomware,” a type of malicious software that encrypts PC files so that they can’t be read, then demands hundreds of dollars in ransom be paid to anonymous online hackers to unlock the files. I wrote ([tinyurl.com/nxua6u7](http://tinyurl.com/nxua6u7)) that the victim had already paid the ransom to the hackers, and I said that there’d been no other choice.

Why? Up to that point, PC security software didn’t prevent and hadn’t been able to fix ransomware infections, which are caused by clicking on links to malicious websites disguised as legitimate ones. (Some smartphone security software does prevent infections; see [tinyurl.com/m9f36or](http://tinyurl.com/m9f36or))

But George Trezak, a reader in Lakeland, Fla., pointed out that a new solution to PC ransomware appeared about the same time as my column. Well-known California security firm FireEye Inc. and European security firm Fox-IT began offering free software that helps victims of CryptoLocker, the best-known ransomware, to unlock their encrypted files without paying a ransom (see details at [tinyurl.com/ml69lvs](http://tinyurl.com/ml69lvs)). The unlocking software is based on information gained in June when the FBI and others raided Internet servers using the CryptoLocker software (see [tinyurl.com/nbdxqoh](http://tinyurl.com/nbdxqoh)).

This is a major win for consumers. The Register, a technology publication, reported that since late 2013 CryptoLocker has affected 545,000 computers worldwide, about half of them in the U.S. Victims have paid about

\$27 million in ransom to get their files unlocked ([tinyurl.com/pnp9rch](http://tinyurl.com/pnp9rch)). Those who didn’t pay lost access to their files.

To use the file-unlocking method, a consumer uploads a file encrypted by hackers along with an email address to the security firms’ website (see above). The consumer is then emailed a software key and a link to a downloadable recovery program. Using the key and recovery program together unlocks all of a consumer’s PC files that have been illicitly encrypted.

**Q: I’ve arranged photos on my iPad into albums. To reduce clutter, I deleted pictures from my “camera roll” that I had put into albums, only to find that the pictures disappeared from the albums, too. Is there a way to delete photos without also deleting them from the albums?**

**A:** When you delete photos from an iPad or iPhone, remember that there is just one copy of each picture. The different image categories that came with your iPad—“photos,” “camera roll,” “panoramas” and “videos”—are all sharing the same picture collection. Deleting a picture from any of these categories erases the only copy.

The new picture albums you’ve created behave differently. A picture that’s deleted from a new album isn’t deleted from the iPad.

The iPad photo “stream” also operates differently. It consists of pictures that you’ve uploaded to Apple’s iCloud online service so they can be viewed by others. You can delete pictures from the online stream without affecting the originals on your iPad.

*Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.*

**In Celebration of His New Life**  
**†John Anthony Selepeo Kaipat**  
*Lovingly known as “Juan”*

Date of Birth: **November 13, 1987**  
 Date of Death: **August 23, 2014**

*In His New Life He Now Joins His:*

**Grandparents**  
**Paternal:** †Juan Borja Kaipat  
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**Grandmother:** Rita Selepeo Saures  
**Parents:** Gloria Selepeo Kaipat  
 Ramon Romolor Kaipat

**Common Law Wife:** Tania Shiprit  
**Children:** Jacoby Cabrera  
 Kohana Solomon

**Siblings:**  
 Sian S. and Becky Saures (Sebastian & CJ)  
 Aaron Leo S. Kaipat  
 John Joseph Kaipat also known as “John John”  
 Khobby Kaipat

Mass of Intentions is being offered at St. Jude Church every 6:00pm, followed by Rosary at 6:30pm.

On Sunday, August 31, 2014, his remains will be escorted from CHC Morgue at 3:00pm to the Family’s Residence at Koblerville, Tinaktak Dr. for final viewing and last respects. Funeral Mass will be on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014 at 10:00am at St. Jude Church followed by burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Thank You Very Much From:  
**Ramon & Gloria Kaipat, Kids and Family**

# Life & Style

## Cold cash just keeps washing in from ALS challenge

By ALLEN G. BREED  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

In the couple of hours it took an official from the ALS Association to return a reporter's call for comment, the group's ubiquitous "ice bucket challenge" had brought in a few million more dollars.

Approaching \$100 million, the viral fundraising campaign for the ailment better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease has put the ALS group into the top ranks for medical charity donations. Since the end of July, the money has been sloshing in at a rate of about \$9 million a week. Last year, from July 29 to Aug. 26, the group raised just \$2.6 million.

It's caught everyone off-guard, none more so than the ALS Association folks. But they know this is likely a one-off phenomenon, and the group now faces the task of spending all that money wisely. Research, care and advocacy are the group's three main missions—but officials say they don't know yet exactly how they'll use the astonishing windfall.

"I think even if I or any PR person at either a non-profit or a for-profit company had all of the PR dollars in the world to invest, no one would have come up with this idea," says Carrie Munk, the association's spokeswoman. "We realize there are responsibilities that

### Judge lets 'X-Men' director's accuser drop lawsuit

**HONOLULU** (AP)—A former child model can drop his lawsuit accusing "X-Men" director Bryan Singer of sex abuse in Hawaii and has the option

of refiling it later, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

Michael Egan III

said in a previous court filing that he wanted to dismiss the lawsuit, not because it lacks merit but because he can't find a new lawyer to represent him.

Singer has sought to have the case dismissed with prejudice, meaning it couldn't be re-filed. He also wanted Egan to pay his attorney costs and fees.

U.S. District Judge Susan Oki Mollway denied the request by Singer.

"Any alleged damage to defendant's reputation may well be ameliorated by plaintiff's voluntary dismissal of the action," her order said.

Egan, 31, accused Singer of sexually abusing him during trips to Hawaii in 1999, when Egan was 17. Singer has denied the allegations.

come with being good stewards of these dollars."

Part of what's surprising is that ALS—or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis—is one of those "orphan" diseases. It is a neurodegenerative disease that causes paralysis and death, and the association estimates that about 5,600 new cases are diagnosed in the U.S. each year.

This campaign hasn't exactly put the charity in the same neighborhood as giants like the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association or Susan G. Komen for the Cure—which raised \$889 million, \$529 million and \$310 million last year, respectively. But it's moving into the same ZIP code now.

"People who have been in this space for a long period of time feel like it's a dream come true," says Munk.

In case you've been under the proverbial rock, here are the basic rules: Someone issues a challenge—that you allow yourself to be doused with a bucket of ice and water, like winning coaches along the sidelines. Then, the challengee has 24 hours to make a \$100 donation to the ALS Association or submit to the water torture.

In the last month, everyone from Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates to former President George W. Bush has been doused. The Internet and airwaves are awash in videos of



In this photo taken on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, Ten Pocket iNet corporation employees, from left, including Terri McMakin, Don Gibbard, wearing hard hat, and Jake Tegtmeier, right, take the ice bucket challenge at the Walla Walla Regional Airport in Walla Walla, Wash., to benefit ALS research.

people taking the challenge—even if they fully intend to write the check.

Jonah Berger, author of the book "Contagious: Why Things Catch On," says it's like a modern-day chain letter—except, in this case, everyone will know if you break the chain.

"It has a lot of the key ingredients that often make people want to share things," says Berger, a marketing professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. "It gives people lots of social currency to be part of it. It makes you look good. It makes you look smart

got everything he wanted."

Finaldi said he can't say what Egan will do next. "I've got to leave a little bit of cliff-hanger here," he said.

and in the know; you know what's going on. And it's always hard to back down from a challenge."

And now others are co-opting the bucket challenge for their own causes.

Actor Matt Damon, for instance, dumped toilet water over his head to call attention to his passion—safe drinking water. Actor Orlando Jones of the television series "Sleepy Hollow" showered himself with bul-

### Diane Sawyer exits as ABC's evening news anchor

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Diane Sawyer signed off as anchor of ABC's "World News" on Wednesday, telling viewers that it has been wonderful to be the "home port" of the network's news team each weeknight.

She will be replaced next week by David Muir. The 68-year-old Sawyer, one of television news' best-known personalities, has anchored ABC's flagship

newscast since December 2009.

While it's been known for months that this was Sawyer's last week as anchor, it wasn't until she tweeted earlier Wednesday that it became clear she wasn't anchoring on Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday's newscast, she chatted briefly on the set with Muir and took viewers on a behind-the-scenes tour pointing out people who



Singer

lets in the wake of black teenager Michael Brown's shooting death by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

"I'm challenging myself to listen without prejudice, to love without limits and to reverse the hate," he said. "So that's my challenge—to me. And, hopefully, you'll accept this challenge, too."

But the success for ALS is the kind of thing you can't really replicate—even if you did it first.

In late June, about a month before the ice bucket challenge exploded, University of Arizona woman's basketball coach Niya Butts took the "cold water challenge." After being doused with a 10-gallon plastic cooler, Butts gave her Pac-12 coaching rivals 48 hours to do the same or donate \$250 to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund—named for the North Carolina State University coach who succumbed to the disease in 2009. That challenge—(hash) ChillIn4Charity—has raised only about \$75,000 so far.

worked at "World News."

"It has been wonderful to be the home port for the brave and brilliant forces of ABC News around the world and to feel every single night that you and I were in a conversation about the day together," she said.

Even when the night's news is bad, Sawyer said she felt she shared a conviction with viewers that things will get better.

She said of Muir, "he is my friend and you are in strong and steady hands."

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COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

August 29, 2014

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
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2. ARTMAN CORPORATION	08/14/2014 SPlm-2014-X-035	Renovation & Demolition Office	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (08/26/2014)*
3. PACIFIC CORPORATION	08/15/2014 SSm-2014-X-036	Auto Repair Shop	Gualo Rai	Areas Particular Concerns	Approved (08/18/2014)*
4. USA FANTHER	08/19/2014 SWm-2014-X-037	Concrete Wall Fence	Susupe Lake	Wet Land APC	Under Review
5. SAIPAN TOP DIVERS	08/18/2014 SLRm-2014-X-038	Scuba Dive Operation	Lagoon & Reef	Lagoon & Reef APC	Under Review
6. Saipan Sun Co.	08/25/2014	Dry Dock	Ports & Industrial	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (08/25/2014)*

Require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (\*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

## John Lennon's killer sorry for being 'an idiot'

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** (AP)—John Lennon's imprisoned killer says he still gets letters about the pain he caused in his pursuit of notoriety nearly 34 years ago.

"I am sorry for causing that type of pain," Mark David Chapman told a parole board last week, according to a transcript released Wednesday. "I am sorry for being such an idiot and choosing the wrong way for glory."

It was Chapman's eighth ap-



**Chapman**

pearance before a parole board. In again denying his release, the three-member panel said it would "so deprecate the serious nature of the crime as to undermine respect for the law."

Chapman fired five shots on Dec. 8, 1980, outside the Dakota apartment house where Lennon lived on Manhattan's Upper West Side, striking the ex-Beatle four times. After pleading guilty

to second-degree murder, Chapman was sentenced in 1981 to 20 years to life in prison.

Last week, he told the parole board members that he would understand if they denied him release based solely on the number of people he hurt.

"Many, many people loved him. He was a great and talented man and they are still hurting," Chapman, 59, said. "I get letters so that's a major factor. It's not a regular crime."

Chapman, who is at the Wende Correctional Facility, east of Buffalo, can try again for release in two years.

## Chris Soules is ABC's new 'Bachelor'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—ABC has chosen its next "Bachelor."

Chris Soules, who came in third last season on "The Bachelorette," will look for love among 25 women vying for his heart. His selection was announced Wednesday on "Good

Morning America."

The 32-year-old Iowa farmer said he was "humbled, flattered and grateful" to be selected.

"My focus is gonna be to make the girls that are on the show as comfortable as possible," he said.

"The Bachelor" features a single guy who goes on a series of dates to choose a potential bride. The last go-round with former pro soccer player Juan Pablo Galavis wasn't as popular as the network had hoped, and this time, ABC seemed to want to involve the fans in its decision for the upcoming season. For weeks, executive producer Mike Fleiss teased viewers on Twitter about who would become the next "Bachelor."

One of the names in the running was race car driver Arie Luyendyk Jr., the runner-up on Emily Maynard's season of "The Bachelorette."

Luyendyk was vocal about wanting the shot at televised love, often tweeting about it and pitching himself on various blogs. When he wasn't chosen, he wrote on Twitter, "I'm not the Bachelor, have fun on the farm people," essentially spoiling the announcement on "GMA."

The new season is expected to begin production next month and will begin airing in January.

**AP** This undated photo released by ABC, shows Chris Soules, the stylish farmer from Iowa, who will star in the 19th edition of ABC's romance reality series, "The Bachelor," which returns to ABC in January 2015.



## Rapper Young Jeezy pleads not guilty to gun charge

name is Jay Wayne Jenkins, entered his plea to the felony charge Tuesday.

The spokeswoman, Farrah Emami, says the rapper and five others were arrested Sunday at the Verizon Amphitheatre in Irvine. The other five also pleaded not guilty to possessing an AK-47 assault rifle.

Jeezy remains jailed on \$1

million bail. He's due back in court Sept. 5.

Authorities are still investigating who fatally shot a man backstage Friday at a concert Jeezy co-headlined with Wiz Khalifa at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View.

Authorities say none of those charged are being called suspects in the shooting.

## Source: BET suspends producer after Blue Ivy joke

**NEW YORK (AP)**—BET has suspended a producer after a joke about Beyoncé and Jay Z's daughter that aired Monday on the network's music video countdown show, "106 & Park."

A source at BET, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the person was not allowed to discuss the matter publicly, said the producer was suspended after a remark about 2-year-old Blue Ivy's hair.

On Monday's show during a segment about Blue Ivy's hypo-

thetical thoughts during Sunday's MTV Video Music Awards, guest host Karrueche Tran said: "I really did wake up like this, because my parents never comb my hair." Blue Ivy joined her mother on stage at the VMAs.

Stephen Hill, BET's president of music programming and specials, publicly apologized on Twitter.

"Last night on 106 & Park there was a stupid, unthoughtful joke made about a young child," Hill tweeted.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Fallon to lead honors as Leno wins top humor prize

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Jimmy Fallon will lead top comedians in saluting his "Tonight Show" predecessor Jay Leno with the nation's top humor prize in October at the Kennedy Center in Washington. The performing arts center announced Wednesday that Fallon will join Chelsea Handler, Jerry Seinfeld, Wanda Sykes, Betty White, Kevin Eubanks and others in honoring Leno with the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. Leno will receive the prize during a performance by his fellow comedians on Oct. 19 in Washington. The show will be broadcast nationally Nov. 23 on PBS stations. The prize recognizes people who have had an impact on American society through their humor and social commentary in the tradition of Samuel Clemens, the writer and satirist better known as Twain. Past recipients include Carol Burnett, Ellen DeGeneres and Bill Cosby.

#### Banksy artwork sale gives youth club lifeline

**LONDON (AP)**—A cash-strapped youth group in Bristol has sold a Banksy artwork to a private collector for 403,000 British pounds (\$668,000)—securing the future of the club. The work, "Mobile Lovers," shows a couple embracing while checking their mobile phones, their faces illuminated by the glow of the display. It first appeared on a

doorway near the club, Broad Plain Working With Young People. Club owner Dennis Stinchcombe had moved the work inside and invited the public to view it—with an optional donation. The work was later put on display at the Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery while its ownership was established. Stinchcombe thanked Banksy at a news conference at the museum announcing the sale.

#### Celebrities join public TV anti-dropout effort

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Tony Bennett and Edward James Olmos are among the celebrities joining a public media effort to boost school graduation rates. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting and TV station WNET New York announced details Wednesday of next month's American Graduate Day 2014. The daylong broadcast will include interviews and performances celebrating the work of those nationwide helping youth to succeed at school and work. Also set to participate are Olympian Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Colin Powell and actress Allison Williams and her family, including anchorman dad Brian Williams. Author Wes Moore will host the third American Graduate Day, airing Sept. 27 on public stations (check local listings) and available online. The program's part of an initiative supported by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to address the U.S. dropout crisis.

## Responsibility for birth control falls on both men and women

**D**EAR ABBY: I am sick to death of hearing about people who have too many kids and the hardship it imposes. Common sense for the women is to use birth control, but why don't men step up to the plate and have a vasectomy? I had one years ago and it has worked well for me.

I never hear it mentioned on talk shows or read it in any advice columns, including yours. Men of America, wake up!

JOSEPH IN LAS VEGAS

**DEAR JOSEPH:** I'm sure the word "vasectomy" has been used in previous Dear Abby columns, but I'm glad to remind my male readers. While I have never taken a poll on this subject, I'll hazard a guess or two about why men are reluctant to have them:

One, they equate it with castration; two, they think at some point they might change their mind or their partner; and three, they're afraid it will be painful. Drumroll: For any men out there who are worried that some tragedy might wipe out your family and you will have to start over, sperm can be banked for up to 20 years and used should the need arise.

P.S. There are also more options open to women than the pill. These include IUDs and, if they're sure they want to be

finished with childbearing, tubal ligation.

**DEAR ABBY:** I raised three kids in a normal household, putting them to bed between two sheets. Now my two younger ones no longer sleep between sheets, but wrapped up in a blanket on a sheetless mattress. One of them has children, and is passing the habit on to them.

The only thing I can conclude is that it's laziness, and I'm wondering where I went wrong. Has anyone else encountered this?

TAKEN ABACK IN MISSOURI

**DEAR TAKEN ABACK:** People have varying sleep "styles." If, when your children lived with you, you taught them to launder their sheets and make their beds, then you didn't go wrong. (One can only hope they wash those blankets regularly.)

If possible, invite your grandchildren for sleepovers so they can experience how the "other half" lives. You would be doing them a favor because children can't learn what a parent hasn't taught them.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 25-year-old woman and lonely. I'm interested in a guy I have known for years. He's my older brother's

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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friend, and we're only six years apart. When I expressed my interest in him, he politely let me know that he would not date me because of my brother.

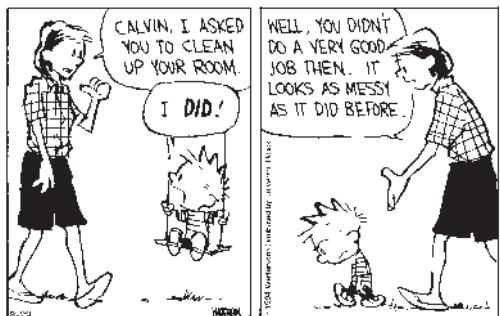
Is there a secret code that I'm missing? Is it taboo for a man who is your older brother's friend to date the younger sibling? I am confused as to why it would matter since we are both adults.

LONELY IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR LONELY:** While it isn't "taboo" to date the sibling of a close friend, it can lead to complications if the relationship doesn't work out. Friendships have become strained or ended because of it.

# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson



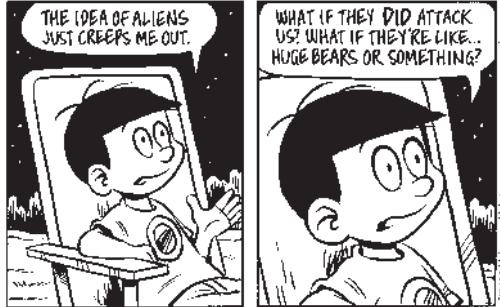
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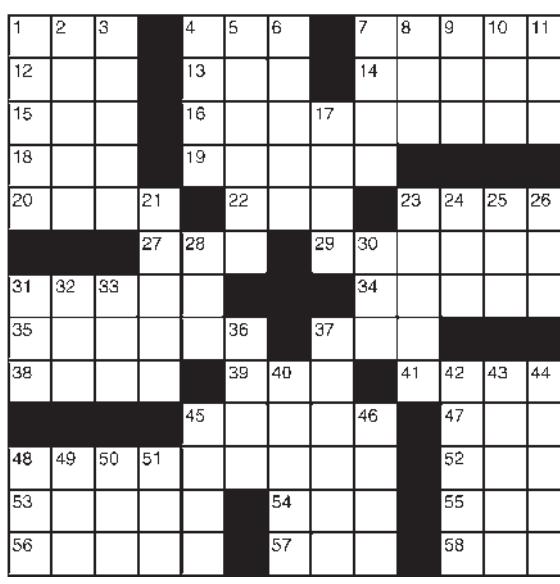


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By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 26 mins.  
  
 Yesterday's answer 8-29



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## STUMPED?

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lauren Collins, 28; Lea Michele, 28; Carla Gugino, 43; Rebecca DeMornay, 55.

**Happy Birthday:** Following through will make the difference. Don't let emotional matters stand between you and your success. Looking, feeling and doing your very best will be your ticket to new opportunities and a secure and stable future. Trust in yourself and your abilities. This is not the year to wait around to see if someone else will do the work for you. Your numbers are 6, 15, 24, 30, 38, 42, 45.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Pay close attention to situations involving business or personal relationships. Be prepared to offer what you can and to compromise if necessary to keep things running smoothly. Practice patience, offer understanding and work in unison to find solutions. **★★★**

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Pick up a skill or information that will lead to a lucrative position. Speak up and take a progressive step in a direction that offers promise for a better future. Don't live in the past when you should be moving forward. **★★★**

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Try not to take what others say or do as a personal affront. Live in the moment and look for ways to better your prospects. Love is on the rise, and focusing on having fun with someone special will ease your stress. **★★★★★**

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't count on others when it comes to emotional issues. Take care of business by doing what you feel is best. Interference can be

avoided if you refuse to let others get involved in your affairs. Use your head and follow your heart. **★★**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll have plenty of options, but keeping it simple and sticking to basics will lead to the best results. Romance is in the stars, and making unusual social plans will promote love and enhance your personal life. **★★★★**

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Size up your situation and look for the most affordable way to move forward. Get whatever you decide to go for in writing to be on the safe side. A solid plan with a passionate push will lead to victory. **★★★**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Worrying about your direction won't help, but taking action will. Talk to people you have worked with in the past or go directly to whoever is in charge of a company that interests you, and you will make headway. **★★★**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Home in on what you should be doing. Letting things get too big or spreading yourself too thin will work against you. Make changes to the way you do things and you'll improve your efficiency and earning potential. **★★★**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** It's what you do that counts. Don't sit back if you think you can make worthwhile changes. Tread carefully when sparring with colleagues. Keep your personal information a secret. Ask questions, show interest and formulate a strategy to advance. **★★★★**

## EUGENIA LAST

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let emotions come between you and doing what's right. A change made for the wrong reason is just as bad as not making one at all. Size up your situation, reveal the facts and offer your suggestions. **★★**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Experiment with ways to build up your assets and secure your financial future. A romantic relationship will grow with a little tender loving care. A change in the way you manage your money will bring you peace of mind. **★★★★★**

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take care of business and move toward your goal. Someone you work with or for may not be honest regarding your position or your responsibilities. Do your best and set a standard for others to live up to. **★★**

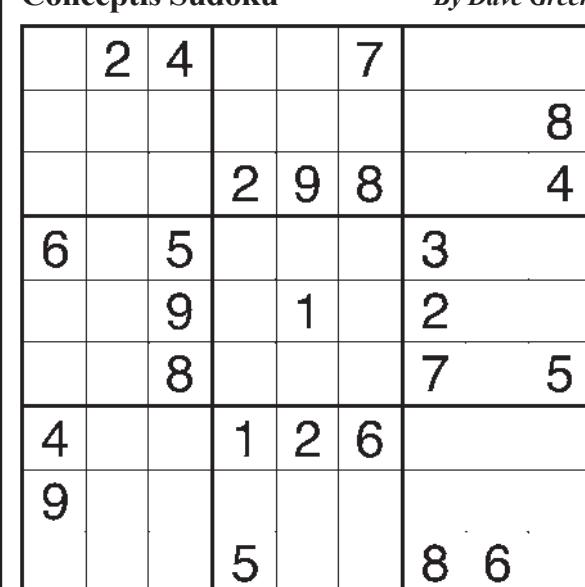
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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

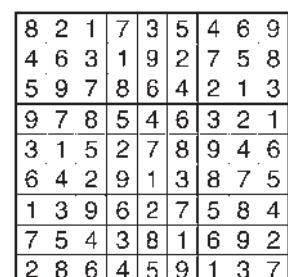
By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



Difficulty Level ★★★★

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle—horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

NEIGHBORS WITH POOLS

Solution: 9 letters

S	L	A	C	I	M	E	H	C	S	K	N	I	R	D
A	L	E	S	T	E	K	C	A	J	E	F	I	L	D
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**(1) ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGER**

Minimum five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required, plus have a minimum of three (3) years of experience working in a supervisory role in Food & Beverage. Must be proficient with the use of Microsoft Office software and the use of Micros point-of-sale systems. Position requires work during evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(4) BAKER**

Minimum three (3) years of related work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(5) BARTENDER**

Minimum one (1) year work experience; Must be at least 21 years old. Ability to speak Chinese, Korean, Russian or Japanese is preferred. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) BEVERAGE SUPERVISOR**

Minimum five (5) years of bartender experience, with at least one (1) year of supervisory experience in a similar role; Must be at least 21 years old. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) BOILER ENGINEER**

Minimum three (3) years of relevant work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

Minimum three (3) years related work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(5) CARPENTER**

Minimum five (5) years work experience as a cabinet maker; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) ELECTRICIAN SUPERVISOR**

Responsible for electrical maintenance, repair and communication of systems for the hotel. Five (5) years of relevant work experience as an Electrician, plus five (5) supervisory experience. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

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**(1) EXECUTIVE SOUS CHEF**

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**(5) FOOD & BEVERAGE SUPERVISOR**

Three (3) years related work experience plus two (2) years supervisory experience is required. Supervises employees engaged in serving foods in restaurants and maintaining cleanliness of food service areas and equipment; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(2) FOOD SERVER CAPTAIN**

Minimum 18 months related work experience, one (1) year supervisory experience required; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(3) FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR**

Two (2) years previous experience as a Front Desk Supervisor is required; Must be resourceful, take ownership of problems and issues that arise and have excellent problem-solving skills. Must have the ability to work well under pressure and to lead a team. In addition to managing the daily operations at the desk, must have the ability to provide the Front Desk Clerks with necessary training and support. Fluency in Korean, Japanese or Russian is preferred. Must be able to work graveyard shifts, evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(3) GARDENER**

Minimum three (3) years of work experience; Must have working knowledge of landscaping; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(3) GUEST RELATIONS**

Minimum one (1) year hospitality experience; Must have the ability to solve guest concerns and cash handling. Must be able to speak, read, write English and one or more of the following languages: Korean, Russian, Japanese or Chinese. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

**(1) GUEST SERVICE SUPERVISOR**

Two (2) years supervisory experience plus experience driving large passenger vehicles are required; Must be able to work graveyard shifts/weekends/holidays. Must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid CNMI driver's license, and pass a medical exam and substance abuse test. Must provide a traffic clearance with application.

**(2) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR (ROOMS)**

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**(1) HVAC TECHNICIAN**

Minimum four (4) years related work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(3) MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR**

Five (5) years related experience, plus three (3) years supervisory experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(3) MUSICIAN (3-pc band)**

Minimum two (2) years experience as a musician; Must be able to perform music in English as well as Japanese/Korean/Russian; Need to be able to play a variety of music genres, classical, pop, rock, reggae, country etc. Must be able to play on an individual, duo and trio basis; At least one member must be a classical pianist, playing classical music during restaurant dining hours. Must be able to host events, MC events, be able to promote audience participation during sing-a-long shows. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays. Subject to audition.

**(1) NIGHT AUDITOR**

Academic background with major in Accounting and five (5) years of relevant work experience. Business knowledge on the basic functions of debits and credits; Knowledge on hotel-related systems particularly on front-office systems and point-of-sale systems of the hotel industry; Strong knowledge of Excel and must be knowledgeable in using Epitome and Micros System; Familiarity on how the hotel settlement system works (cash, room charge, credit card transaction or similar); MUST be able to work from 11:00pm to 7:00am; May involve shift work, including working on weekends and holidays.

**(2) PAINTER**

Minimum three (3) years related work experience as a painter; Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

**(1) PASTRY SUPERVISOR**

Minimum five (5) years pastry experience plus two (2) years supervisory experience is required; Must be able to work evenings, weekends, holidays

**(1) PASTRY COOK**

Associate's degree in Culinary Arts with at least two (2) years of relevant work experience working in pastry for a hotel. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) PLUMBER**

Minimum of five (5) years related work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(5) POOL MAINTENANCE**

Minimum two (2) years related work experience; Previous HAZMAT training preferred; Shift begins at 2:00 a.m. daily. Must be able to work evenings/weekends/holidays

**(3) POWERHOUSE OPERATOR**

Minimum five (5) years related work experience; Certified Water treatment & Distribution operator preferred; Must be a certified Class A/B UST operator; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) POWERHOUSE MANAGER**

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**(1) PUBLIC AREA ATTENDANT**

Minimum 6 months work experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

**(2) RESTAURANT MANAGER**

This position monitors the daily operations of each restaurant function to ensure a positive guest experience and will profitably manage the overall operations of the restaurants. Will maintain all service aspects of food and beverage functions in accordance with the policies of the hotel. Minimum five (5) years restaurant and/or hotel food and beverage experience required. Minimum two (2) years previous F&B Leadership experience required. Previous experience in a first-class, medium to large resort preferred. Excellent written and oral communication skills are necessary. Considerable expert knowledge of banquet set-ups, policies and procedures. Must be able to successfully coordinate staff and resources in high volume, time sensitive environment. Must have experience in budgeting and managing banquet operations. Position requires work during evening, weekends and holidays.

**(9) ROOM ATTENDANT**

Minimum of one (1) year of experience as a room attendant for a hotel. Motivated self-starter responsible for cleaning up to 17 rooms per shift. Must be able to work evenings, weekends, graveyard shifts and holidays.

**(1) SALES MANAGER (KOREA MARKET)**

Must have at least five (5) years of hospitality/hotel or travel agent sales experience. Must be proficient in speaking, reading and writing the English and Korean languages, and be proficient with the use of MS Office. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) SOUS CHEF**

Three (3) years of relevant experience working in a similar role for a hotel or resort environment. Experience in preparing multi-ethnic cuisine is required. Must have good knowledge of food production, food safety standards and have the ability to train and lead a team. Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(1) STEWARD SUPERVISOR**

Two (2) years stewarding experience plus two (2) years supervisory experience; Must be able to work evenings, weekends and holidays.

**(2) TEPPANYAKI COOK**

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# Long Davis homer lifts Pirates over Cardinals, 3-1

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(AP) —

Ike Davis hit a two-run homer off a speaker above the seats in right-center field, Jeff Locke outpitched Adam Wainwright and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the St. Louis Cardinals 3-1 Wednesday.

Pittsburgh took two of three from the defending NL champions and has won five of seven overall. St. Louis (71-61) leads the NL wild-card race, with San Francisco (70-62) trailing by a half-game and the Pirates (69-64) 1 1/2 games back of the Giants for the second wild-card berth.

Davis hit his 10th homer in the second after Wainwright hit Russell Martin on the left elbow with a pitch that Martin barely tried to avoid. Davis sent an 88 mph pitch clanking off a speaker raised on a pole about 15 feet above the seats, a drive estimated at about 433 feet. A night earlier, Davis had a pinch-hit, tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning of Pittsburgh's 5-2 win.

Locke (6-3) allowed one run and six hits in 7 1/3 innings, giving up Matt Holliday's third-inning homer. Locke also singled in the third and scored on Andrew McCutchen's sacrifice fly, just the 11th hit for the pitcher in 98 career at-bats.

Mark Melancon pitched a one-hit ninth for his 24th save in 28 chances.

## Rangers 12, Mariners 4

In Seattle, Rougned Odor hit a third-inning grand slam to back Colby Lewis, and the last-place Rangers beat Seattle.

Erasmo Ramirez (1-6), recalled from Triple-A Tacoma for the start, allowed 10 runs and nine hits in three-plus innings. Seattle had been the only major league team not to allow 10 or more runs in a game this season.

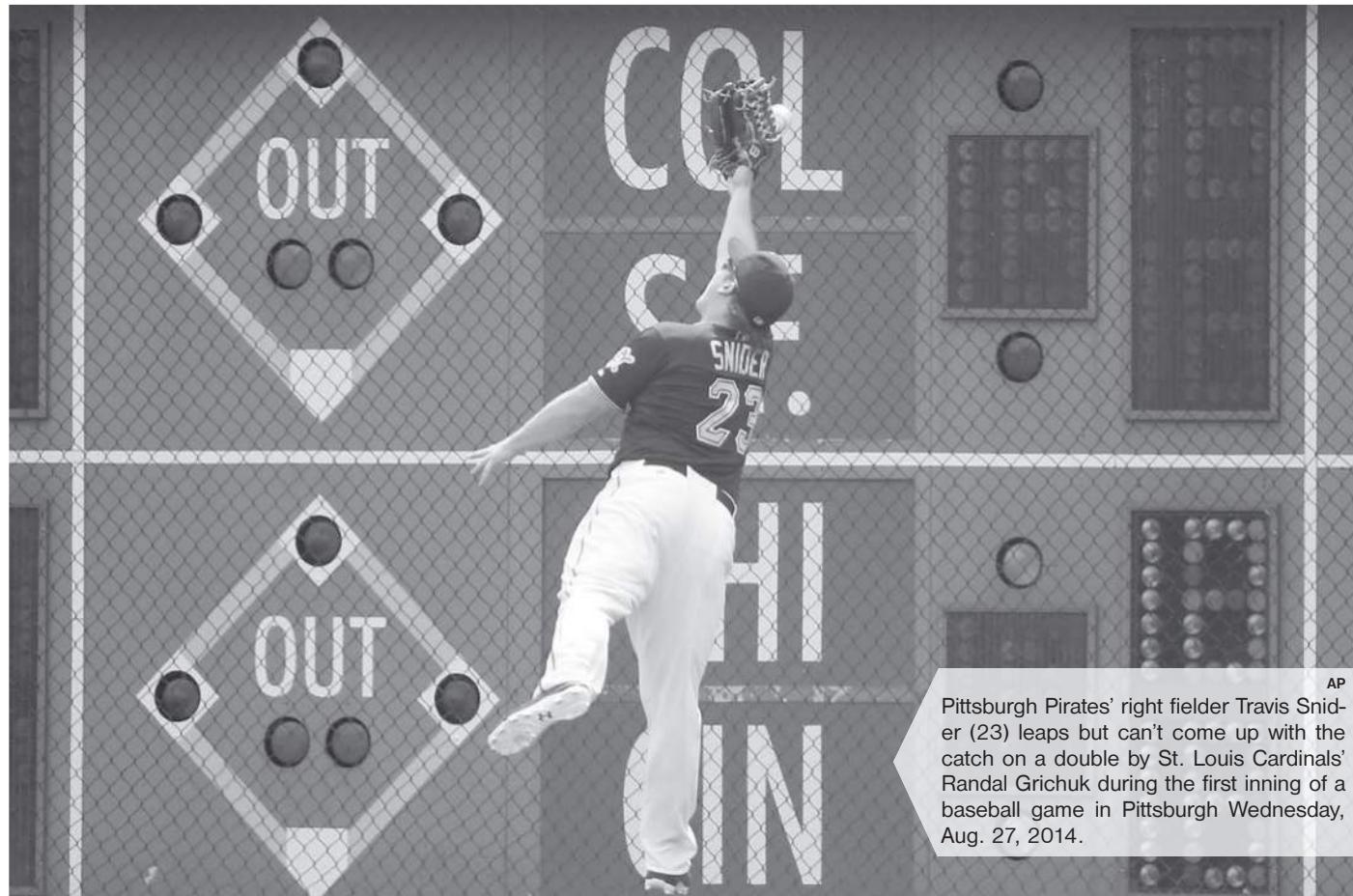
Lewis (9-11) allowed seven hits, struck out seven and walked one in his second complete game of the season and second in August. He had been 0-3 since pitching a five-hit shutout at the Chicago White Sox on Aug. 5.

## Rays 3, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Drew Smyly allowed two hits over seven innings in his second straight overpowering performance.

Evan Longoria had three hits for the Rays, who won for only the fourth time in 11 games. Tampa Bay scored all its runs in the first two innings and Smyly (9-10) made the margin stand.

Smyly gave up a solo homer to Chris Davis in the second inning and a single to Steve Pearce in the seventh. The left-hander struck out six and walked one in his fifth start for the Rays since coming from Detroit in a trade involving David Price.



Pittsburgh Pirates' right fielder Travis Snider (23) leaps but can't come up with the catch on a double by St. Louis Cardinals' Randal Grichuk during the first inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014.

Brad Boxberger worked the eighth and Jake McGee got three outs to earn his 15th save and complete the two-hitter.

## Yankees 8, Tigers 4

In Detroit, the Yankees chased David Price with nine straight hits in the third inning.

The Yankees scored all eight of their runs in the third off Price (12-10), who had pitched a one-hitter in his previous start. Jacoby Ellsbury started the barrage, and New York went all the way through the batting order until the 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner was pulled after the ninth hit of the inning.

Rookie Shane Greene (4-1) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked one.

Victor Martinez homered for Detroit.

## Royals 6, Twins 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Nori Aoki drove in the go-ahead run during a six-run eighth inning.

Billy Butler and Salvador Perez each drove in a pair of runs during the surge, which came after the Twins' Phil Hughes (14-9) had stymied the Royals for the first seven innings.

Wade Davis (8-2) pitched a perfect eighth to earn his second straight win, and All-Star closer Greg Holland worked around a single in the ninth to cap a second straight late-game win.

The Royals extended their lead over Detroit to 2 1/2 games in the AL Central with their 11th win in their past 13 games at Kauffman Stadium. They've won four straight over the Twins.

Minnesota has lost four straight and eight of 11 overall.

## Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 2

In Toronto, pinch-hitter Danny Valencia had a go-ahead, three-

run homer in the seventh inning.

Jose Bautista homered for the second straight night, a two-run drive in the first.

With Boston leading 2-1, Edwin Encarnacion doubled off Joe Kelly starting the seventh, and left-hander Tommy Layne (0-1) relieved. Dioner Navarro's at-bat was prolonged when catcher David Ross dropped his foul popup for an error, and Navarro singled.

Right-hander Junichi Tazawa came in, and Valencia turned on a 2-0 pitch for his first home run since Toronto acquired him from Kansas City on July 28. Eight of 20 home runs off Tazawa in his big league career have been hit by Blue Jays batters.

Marcus Stroman (8-5) allowed two runs — one earned — and five hits in 7 2/3 innings.

## Phillies 8, Nationals 4

In Philadelphia, pinch-hitter Grady Sizemore hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the sixth inning, helping the Phillies complete a three-game sweep.

Marlon Byrd hit a two-run homer and Jimmy Rollins hit a solo shot to back Kyle Kendrick (7-11). The right-hander allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings.

The last-place Phillies went 7-2 on their best homestand this season.

Denard Span was 3 for 4 and fell a triple short of the cycle for the Nationals. Doug Fister (12-5) allowed a season-high 10 hits and five runs — four earned — in 5 2/3 innings.

The Nationals had won 12 of 13 before losing three in a row in Philadelphia.

## Braves 3, Mets 2

In New York, Jason Heyward hit a leadoff home run off Zack Wheeler, and Julio Teheran won his third straight start.

Heyward connected on

Wheeler's third pitch of the game for his 11th homer this season. After Wil Flores' home run tied the score in the second, the Braves went ahead for good in the third. Phil Gosselin reached on a bunt single, Freddie Freeman doubled, Justin Upton hit an RBI groundout and shortstop Ruben Tejada allowed Evan Gattis' two-out bouncer to pop out of his glove for a run-scoring error.

Teheran (13-9) gave up three hit in 6 1/3 innings, struck out four and walked two.

Craig Kimbrel got his 39th save in 43 chances.

## Reds 7, Cubs 5

In Cincinnati, Skip Schumaker drove in a pair of runs with a double and a single, and the Reds withstood Jorge Soler's first at-bat homer and his RBI single.

Soler, a 22-year-old prospect from Cuba, was called up Wednesday after getting a nine-year, \$30 million deal from the Cubs in 2012. He started in right field and batted fifth.

After Luis Valbuena led off the second inning with a homer off Mat Latos (5-3), Soler hit a 2-1 pitch into the Reds' bullpen in center field. The last Cub to homer in his first at-bat also did it in Cincinnati: Starlin Castro off Homer Bailey on May 7, 2010.

Soler also had an RBI single off Jonathan Broxton in the eighth, cutting it to 6-5. Latos pitched into the eighth and gave up four runs while fanning a season-high 10 batters.

Pinch-hitter Chris Heisey homered in the bottom of the ninth. Aroldis Chapman escaped a two-on threat in the ninth, getting his 28th save in 30 chances.

## White Sox 3, Indians 2

In Chicago, rookie Jose Abreu hit a pair of run-scoring singles

Hechavarria's leadoff homer in the third, his sixth in 1,100 career at-bats to that point. The left-hander fanned his next five batters and didn't allow another hit until Jeff Baker's two-out single in the sixth.

## Giants 4, Rockies 2

In San Francisco, Buster Posey hit a game-ending two-run shot for his third homer in two nights, sending the Giants to Bruce Bochy's 1,600th managerial victory.

Posey sent an 0-1 pitch from Juan Nicasio (5-6) just inside the left-field foul pole for his 18th homer of the year and second career walkoff homer. He also had one on May 3, 2013, against the Dodgers.

Santiago Casilla (2-3), who was ill Tuesday, plunked lead-off hitter Drew Stubbs in the back to start the ninth. Justin Morneau then doubled him home to tie the game at 2. Casilla got a key double play to get out of the inning.

Tim Hudson's strong eight-inning, eight-strikeout outing was wasted.

## Padres 3, Brewers 2

In San Diego, Rene Rivera tied the game with a home run in the ninth inning, then won it with an RBI single in the 10th for San Diego.

Rivera opened the ninth with his shot off Francisco Rodriguez. In the 10th, Seth Smith walked and Yasmani Grandal singled to start the inning against Zach Duke (4-1). Smith was thrown out at third on a fielder's choice and, one out later, Rivera singled to center to drive in Grandal from second.

Dale Thayer (4-3) pitched the 10th for the victory.

The Brewers took a 2-0 lead in the seventh inning on Elian Herrera's RBI double and a passed ball charged to Rivera.

Jake Goebbert's RBI single in the bottom of the inning pulled the Padres to 2-1.

## Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Clayton Kershaw allowed only an unearned run in eight innings to become the first 16-game winner in the majors.

Kershaw (16-3) allowed six hits, retiring 12 of the final 13 batters he faced, seven by strikeout, to improve to 13-1 in his last 16 starts.

The left-handed ace struck out 10 and walked two.

Scott Van Slyke hit a solo home run off Wade Miley (7-10) before leaving the game with an ankle injury in the fourth inning. Matt Kemp had a two-run double.

Kenley Janzen pitched a perfect ninth for his 38th save in 42 tries.

The Dodgers, sweeping the two-game series, climbed to a season-high 18 games above .500.

## Sharapova comes through in 3 sets at US Open



**NEW YORK**  
(AP)—A year ago at this time, Maria Sharapova was sitting out

the U.S. Open, getting checked by doctors and having tests on the surgically repaired right shoulder that has troubled her off and on.

On Wednesday, Sharapova found herself down by a set and facing a break point early in the second at Flushing Meadows, bothered by the whipping wind, her own off-target strokes and an opponent who wasn't backing down.

As dusk fell and the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights came on, Sharapova came through the way she so often does in the crucible of a third set, beating 95th-ranked Alexandra Dulgheru of Romania 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the second round of the Grand Slam tournament she won in 2006 but has missed twice in the past six years.

Sharapova won in part because of her big shots, yes, but also because she had more in the tank when it mattered.

"Overall I felt like in the end I was in much better shape than she was, and I could have played another few sets," Sharapova said. "Mentally that helped me a lot."

It helped that Dulgheru had played one set over the past five weeks because of inflammation in her right wrist, which was operated on in May 2013 and flared up recently.

Dulgheru, though, pointed to Sharapova's grit as a key factor, too.

"The thing is that she's smacking the ball and she's a fighter. ... It can seem that she's down, that she's tired, but she's there," Dulgheru said. "She can

get mentally really tough. She hangs in there with you until the end."

Sharapova improved to 17-6 in three-setters this season, including four wins in a row that went the distance en route to the title at the French Open in June, her fifth Grand Slam trophy.

"It's really good to get through," said Sharapova, who faces 2013 Wimbledon runner-up Sabine Lisicki next. "Put yourself in a really tough position, but then you're able to find a way to get back and finish really strong."

She managed to do that on a day that was not easy for some other seeded women in the second round, although No. 19 Venus Williams, the 2000-01 champion in New York, advanced with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over 78th-ranked Timea Bacsinszky at night. That match was followed by Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka's 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (1) victory over 91st-ranked Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil.

As the match stretched past midnight, the third-seeded Wawrinka got into a tiff with a spectator, saying: "Shut up, man! Seriously, shut up."

He's into the third round in New York for the fourth time in five years. He was a semifinalist a year ago.

Williams got to the third round at Flushing Meadows for the first time since 2010.

"As the tournament goes on it will get tougher," Williams said.

No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska, a finalist at Wimbledon two years ago, became the first man or woman seeded in the top 10 to lose, defeated 6-3, 6-4 by 39th-ranked Peng Shuai of China. And No. 21 Sloane Stephens of the United States had her earli-

est exit at the U.S. Open, eliminated 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 by 96th-ranked Johanna Larsson of Sweden.

Stephens was largely her own undoing, compiling a whopping 63 unforced errors.

She was in such a hurry to get out of there that she briskly walked around the net to Larsson's side of the court for a handshake.

Stephens has failed to get past the second round at 11 tournaments in 2014, including the past two Grand Slam events. That follows a streak in which the 21-year-old American made it to the fourth round or better at six consecutive majors.

"I haven't had that great of a season," Stephens said. "But ... I'm not going to dwell on it."

The U.S. Open is the only Grand Slam tournament at which Radwanska never has made it to the quarterfinals. That includes another second-round loss to Peng, four years ago.

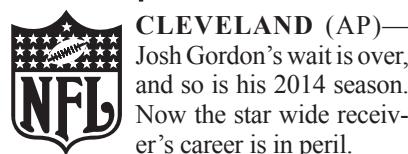
"I really want to know the answer," Radwanska said. "Then maybe I will find a way to play better here and just try another way to be in the second week."

After three days of action, the men's tournament has yet to have a significant surprise, and the only seeded players to lose Wednesday were No. 27 Santiago Giraldo of Colombia and No. 30 Jeremy Chardy of France.

The man who beat Chardy, 92nd-ranked Blaz Kavcic of Slovenia, now faces Wawrinka.

Otherwise, No. 6 Tomas Berdych, No. 7 Grigor Dimitrov and No. 14 Marin Cilic were among those advancing.

## NFL suspends Browns star Gordon for 2014 season



**CLEVELAND** (AP)—Josh Gordon's wait is over, and so is his 2014 season. Now the star wide receiver's career is in peril.

The Browns learned Wednesday that Gordon's indefinite suspension by the NFL has been upheld and he will miss at least 16 games for another violation of the league's substance abuse policy. A repeat drug offender, Gordon had appealed the penalty, hoping it would be reduced so he could play this season.

The NFL, though, came down hard on Gordon, who must now pay the price for stepping out of bounds.

The league announced that arbitrator Harold Henderson supported Gordon's yearlong suspension for marijuana use. The Pro Bowler, who was subject to more frequent testing, will begin serving his suspension immediately and the league said in its statement that his "eligibility for reinstatement will be determined following the 2014 season."

In the meantime, Gordon is not allowed to practice with the team, attend meetings or other club functions.

Browns general manager Ray Farmer expressed some disappointment at the decision, but said the team has no choice but to move ahead without Gordon.

"While we may have strong feelings on the timing and the process of this decision, we have also consistently communicated that we will focus on what we can control in our day to day approach," Farmer said in a statement. "Right now that is preparing our team for the 2014 season and at the same time, supporting Josh however we are able under NFL guidelines during his suspension."

The Browns had feared for months this would be the outcome, and now that it's official, the club will have to

somehow make up for the league-leading 1,646 yards, 18.9 yards per catch and nine touchdowns Gordon produced last season.

"I'd like to apologize to my teammates, coaches, the Cleveland Browns organization and our fans," Gordon said in a statement. "I am very disappointed that the NFL and its hearing office didn't exercise better discretion and judgment in my case. I would like to sincerely thank the people who have been incredibly supportive of me during this challenging time, including my family, my agent, my union, my legal team, and the Cleveland Browns staff."

While he's out, Gordon, who served a two-game suspension for a drug violation last season, will need to pass drug tests, comply with treatment and apply for reinstatement with Commissioner Roger Goodell before he plays again. Gordon could possibly return inside a year if he stays clean.

Gordon met with league officials in New York on Aug. 4 to appeal his suspension. As the days past, there was growing speculation he might not be punished to the letter of the collective bargaining agreement. But Henderson sided with the league's initial ruling after an exhaustive process.

The Browns have known Gordon could be banished for some time and they've been eager for a resolution to his case, which hung over their training camp. He continued to practice and played in Cleveland's first three exhibition games.

Gordon fought the suspension by hiring attorney Maurice Suh to represent him at the appeal hearing. Suh, who had successfully gotten a suspension reduced for Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman, argued that Gordon tested positive for marijuana due to secondhand smoke.



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# Clippers sign Doc Rivers to 5-year extension



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Doc Rivers is staying with the Los Angeles Clippers for another five years.

In Steve Ballmer's first big move since taking over as the new owner, he gave Rivers a contract extension through the 2018-19 season.

Ballmer said Wednesday it was one of his top priorities to ensure that Rivers remains as the long-term leader of the team. Rivers was a stabilizing force for the franchise during the upheaval created by former owner Donald Sterling's racist remarks that led to his ouster after 33 years of ownership.

"Not only is Doc one of the best coaches and executives in the game, but he continually embodies the hardcore, committed and resilient character and winning culture that the Clippers represent," Ballmer said, repeating the "hardcore" theme he uttered during last week's fan rally.

Interim CEO Dick Parsons tes-



In this March 31, 2014, file photo, Los Angeles Clippers head coach Doc Rivers smiles during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in Minneapolis.

have this opportunity to be this great organization," Rivers said last week. "That's probably what makes me the most excited because I know if you get that part right, the basketball part will become easier in some ways, and that's good."

Rivers joined the team in June 2013 and added president of basketball operations to his responsibilities two months ago.

The 52-year-old coach guided the Clippers to the best record in franchise history at 57-25 and a second straight Pacific Division title last season. They lost to Oklahoma City in the second round of the playoffs.

Rivers has a career regular-season record of 644-498 and a 70-64 playoff mark, with previous head coaching stints in Boston, where he won the 2008 NBA title, and Orlando.

tified during Sterling's court battle with his estranged wife to keep the team, saying Rivers would quit if Sterling was successful.

"I didn't think I was going to have to, honestly," Rivers said last week. "But I think a lot of us would have been willing to, for sure."

Now, Rivers can settle in knowing he has a new owner who is passionate about the game and eager to support the team.

"With Steve's leadership, we

tiff, 2-4, 6-4, 10-8.

In other results, Malika Miyawaki finished in the Top 3 in the girls U14 singles, while Robbie Schorr made it to the semifinals of the same age group.

Miyawaki worked out a 7-6 (3), 2-6, 10-6 win over third-ranked Eleanor Schuster in the battle for third place.

"She had a fantastic comeback from 1-5 down in the first set to take it 7-6 and won the super-tiebreaker," CNMI coach Jeff Race said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Miyawaki was joined in the Top 3 by eventual champion Naia Guitton and runner-up Lea Lamorelle. Guitton won

third period, leading at 80-58. Six San Antonio players scored in double figures to pound Island Floral. Jaymark De Guzman had 20 points, Jack Aranda added 17, and Mike Fidelino chipped in 14. Kobe Mendoza contributed 12, while Emerson Feria and Miek Arciaga tallied 11 each. Djay Ong led Island Floral with his 14 markers.

## First Game

**San Antonio 106** – Barcina 28, Rangamar 22, Lizama 22, Kaipat 10, Pena 10, Standish 3, Mendiola 2.

**Hite Jinro 73** – De Leon 14, Camacho 13, Mizer 12, Tenorio 10, Lauron 6, T. Montes 6, Sision 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-13, 44-34, 71-53, 106-73.

## Second Game

**San Antonio 102** – De Guzman 20, Aranda 17, Fidelino 14, Mendoza 12, Feria 11, Arciaga 11, Alegre 5, Javier 2, Espinosa 2.

**Island Floral 75** – Ong 14, Tabura 12, Bisana 10, Capalad 10, Kaipat 9, Norita 6, Tobias 5, Tereyego 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-16, 51-23, 80-58, 102-75.

the all-Tahiti finals, 6-0, 6-1, and earlier downed Miyawaki in the semifinals, 6-0, 6-2. Miyawaki marched into the semis after ousting American Samoa's Crystal Christman in the upper half of the draw, 6-2, 6-3. In the lower half, Miyawaki's teammates, Conatsu Kaga and Asia Raulerson, fell to Schuster, 5-7, 3-6, and Vanuatu's Rosalie Molballeh, 2-6, 4-6, respectively, to drop to the consolation draw. Raulerson went on to rule the consolation bracket after topping Vanuatu's Marion Hymak in the finals, 6-1, 6-0.

In the boys U12 singles, Schorr remained in the main draw and made it to the semifinals after sweeping Vanuatu's Samuel Strid, 6-3, 6-1. In the semis, Schorr was pitted against the top-ranked Gilliant Osmont and lost, 1-6, 1-6. Osmont ruled the event after prevailing against Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy in the finals, 4-6, 2-6.

Ken song was also entered in the boys U12 singles and after falling short in his first match against Samoa's Phillip Warren, 2-6, 6-2, 1-10, the CNMI bet won the consolation draw.

Song defeated Tonga's Tuapasi Afemui, 6-0, 6-2, and Guam's Andrew Leng, 6-4, 6-2, to top the group.

In the boys U16 singles, Colin Ramsey entered the quarterfinal round, while in the boys U14 singles, Luther Lizama dropped his Round of 8 match. Lizama, who drew a bye in the first round, lost to Samoa's Harley Cronin, 1-6, 1-6, while Ramsey slipped past Fiji's Krishnan Raju, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, to make it to the quarterfinals. Ramsey then bowed to the top-ranked Kevin Maukoloa of American Samoa, 1-6, 0-6.

Meanwhile, with the POJC

Event 2 concluding, the CNMI Junior Tennis Team are leaving Fiji with two gold medals (courtesy of Lee) and one bronze (Miyawaki) in singles and one two golds in doubles

(from Ishikawa and Tan in the girls 14/12 and Robbie Schorr with partner Camden Camacho of Guam).

"Although six of the CNMI's best players, including Tammy Ackerman, Negahr Rastguyi, Moris Villanueva, Michael Ren, and Isabel Heras, did not play in this year's POJC, the CNMI still finished a remarkable third out of the 14 nations that sent players to the event. Well done to this year's team," Race said.

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semis slot in the division with his 2-2 record in the elimination round. Jerry Hibi and Jordan Pangilinan will battle for the fourth and last semis ticket.

Meanwhile, in the men's B and C singles categories, only Shintaro and Jeremi Montenegro are assured of semis berths in their respective divisions. Shintaro topped Group B of the men's B singles to advance to the next round, while Montenegro ruled Group C of the men's C singles with his 4-0 slate to make it to the semis. A.J. Ortega and Toshiaki will play in a knockout game in Group B to determine the qualifier in the group, while Groups A and D still have to finalize their standings.

In the women's singles, all four players in Class A and C will march into the semis, while only one player in the Class

# SGA chief Teack is July Ace



SGA chief Jung Eun Teack is the July Ace of the Month Tournament held last Aug. 17 at the Coral Ocean Point in Obyan.

Teack, a 12 handicapper, fired 41 and 42 at the front and back nines for an 83 gross score and 71 net to enjoy a one-shot win over closest pursuer Tony Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero compiled gross scores of 41 and 44 and with a 13-handicap gave him a 72 net, while Juan "Pan" Guer-

ro, 18 handicap, finished third with a 91 and a 73 net.

This is the fourth time this year that an SGA official ruled the monthly tournament after tournament director Nick Sablan's victory in January, secretary Frances Sablan's win in May, and the triumph of vice president Greg Sablan Jr. in June.

Treasurer Edward Sablan, a perennial Ace of the Year contender, is currently out of commission.

James Nelson (February), Alex Tudela (March), and Das Krishnan (April) are the other

monthly Ace winners.

Krishnan led the closest to the pin winners that was recognized at the award banquet for winning hole No. 3, Deleon Guerrero took hole No. 7, while Teack and Nelson claimed hole No. 7 and 12, respectively.

Deleon Guerrero and Nelson were repeat winners with Rick Kautz registering the longest drives at holes Nos. 6 and 18.

The SGA August Ace of the Month Tournament will take place on Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Marianas Country Club Golf Course.

Call time is at 9am, while the tournament proper starts after one hour. *(Jon Perez)*

# Natibu tee-ball league wraps up season



The Natibu Sports Association will be holding the 2014 Cover Home Tee-ball League tomorrow, Aug. 30, at the Capitol Hill Baseball Field.

Eight teams will be competing in the one-day league, which is part of NSA's Family Fun Day

festivities. The event will be held from 9am to 12 noon with the trophy presentation taking place afterwards.

Tee-ball event coordinator Claire Sablan said all kids ages 3 to 8 who participated in the games will be receiving a trophy.

"We want to teach the kids that regardless of any result,

whether the other team scored more runs against them, that they are all winners. We want to teach the values of sportsmanship and fair play," said Sablan in a telephone interview.

"We want to emphasize and also teach them the basic skills of baseball. The fundamentals of running the bases, batting, catching and throwing so from tee-ball, they can someday move up to the Saipan Little League. They have lots of time to learn and improve with their skills," she added.

Bad Newz Braves, Little Rascals, Little Zogai, Little Ballers, Little Rookies, Little Sluggers, Mighty Jets, and Rug Rats are the eight competing teams.

Tee-ball is a team sport that introduces kids to the basics of basketball and softball. The ball is not pitched and the child hits the ball on top of a stationary tee. *(Jon Perez)*

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Baltimore	75	56	.573	—
New York	69	62	.527	6
Toronto	67	66	.504	9
Tampa Bay	65	68	.489	11
Boston	58	75	.436	18

##### Central Division

Kansas City	74	58	.561	—
Detroit	71	60	.542	2 1/2
Cleveland	67	64	.511	6 1/2
Chicago	60	72	.455	14
Minnesota	58	74	.439	16

##### West Division

Los Angeles	79	53	.598	—
Oakland	78	54	.591	1
Seattle	72	60	.545	7
Houston	56	78	.418	24
Texas	52	80	.394	27

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##### East Division

Washington	75	57	.568	—
Atlanta	69	64	.519	6 1/2
Miami	65	67	.492	10
New York	62	71	.466	13 1/2
Philadelphia	61	72	.459	14 1/2

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	73	60	.549	—
St. Louis	71	61	.538	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	69	64	.519	4
Cincinnati	64	69	.481	9
Chicago	59	73	.447	13 1/2

##### West Division

# Kanoa Resort, POI gain Final Four berths



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Kanoa Resort's Mico Usi pulls up for a shot against CTSI defenders during their regular season game in the Tan Holdings caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium early this month. Kanoa and CTSI met separate playoff foes with the former winning over *Saipan Tribune/RMS* and CTSI bowing to POI last Saturday.

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Kanoa Resort and Pacific Oriental, Inc. completed the semis cast in the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League after ousting separate playoff foes last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Kanoa Resort booted out *Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Service* after notching an 87-79 win in the first playoff game, while POI knocked out CTSI, 100-67, to join Shirley's Coffee Shop and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in the semifinals. Fiesta and Kanoa will play in the first semis game tomorrow at 4pm, while Shirley's and POI will duel in the second Final Four match at 5:30pm.

POI, which forfeited its last three games in the second round due to lack of players, this time showed up with enough manpower in the knockout match to

make it to the next round. Jason Palacios played only in his third game of the season and scored 31 big points to power POI to the playoff win. He and three other POI players drilled at least two baskets apiece in the opening canto, as they took an early double-digit lead, 23-8. CTSI fell behind, as only Arisel Jinang and Edgar Garcia scored for the team with the former hitting back-to-back treys and the latter adding two points.

Palacios continued to lead POI's offense, adding 9 more points, while Ramsa Tenepere and J.P. Villanueva backed him up chipping in 6 apiece, as the squad kept its twin-digit advantage at the break, 51-35.

POI went on to maintain its safe distance and even reached the century mark for the first time this season because of its balance scoring. Three other POI players duplicated Palacios' double figures with Brylan Floresco tallying 18 and Tenepere and Villanueva contributing 14 each. Ferdie Arago and Richard Kim

combined for 14 more points.

While POI drew contributions from several players, CTSI had a two-man show in Garcia and Jinang, who nailed 24 and 21 points, respectively. Edong Chavez logged 11, but most of his points game when the game was already decided.

In the first playoff game, Kanoa Resort took care of business in the second half to eliminate *Saipan Tribune/RMS*.

After trailing in the first period, 12-18, and holding a slim 3-point lead at the break, 34-31, Kanoa shifted gears in the third canto and zoomed to a 57-46 advantage. Matt Duenas, who missed the first quarter action, fired a baker's dozen, including Kanoa's last 7 markers to give his team full control of the match. Duenas earlier dropped 12 markers when he started playing in the second quarter and kept going

in the fourth, adding 7 more to finish with a game-high 21 markers and usher Kanoa to the semis round.

Mico Usi also scored in twin

digits for Kanoa with his 12, while four of his teammates added at least 5 points each. Ferdie de la Torre paced *Saipan Tribune/RMS* with his 20 points, while Mark Rabago and Jersh Angeles registered 19 and 12, respectively.

## First Game

**Kanoa Resort 87** – Duenas 31, Usi 11, Pablo 8, Armia 8, Bustillo 8, Villaluna 7, Ordona 5, Huliganga 2, De Arroz 2.

**Saipan Tribune/RMS 79** – de La Torre 20, Rabago 19, Angeles 15, Pagara 10, Chan 4, Moran 4, O. Ong 2, Galvez 2, Pajarrilla 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 12-18, 34-31, 57-46, 87-79.

## Second Game

**POI 100** – Palacios 31, Floresca 18, Tenepere 14, Villanueva 14, Arago 8, Kim 6, Mejia 4.

**CTSI 67** – Garcia 24, Jinang 21, Echavez 11, Salazar 6, Ilago 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-8, 51-35, 76-49, 100-67.

## Ridin' Dirty holds early lead in A division of SEDA's new season

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ther distance themselves from the nine other competing teams when it visits the Proofers on Sept. 1.

Jokers Disciples holds the early lead in the Chichirika division with a 10-5 won-loss slate with Joe's DNA Jump It!, Poseidon Feelin Lucky, and Jokers Spartan within striking distance with 9-6 records. VFW 'Ombak' Hit 'Em rounded up the Top 5 with an 8-7 mark.

Naked Fish is currently on top of the Kingfisher division (22-8) followed closely by Jokers' two teams—Latte Darts and BSEA Sunsports—with similar 20-10 slates.

Smoke Pub D' Mekaniks leads the tightly contested Fanihi division with a slim 12-3 lead over the second-running Sand Juvy Put3ska's 11-4 card. Smoke Pub's 80 Proofers (9-6) and Sand Juvy No Fear (8-7) are closely behind.

Naked Fish will try to fur-

ther distance themselves from the nine other competing teams when it visits the Proofers on Sept. 1.

Flame Tree division at 12-3, while Naked Fish One Shot, Jokers Warriors, and Naked Fish

Na'Gupu are tied from second to third with similar 8-7 records.

Dan Juvy Vicious Deities (La-

dies, 21-9); sister squads Jokers Destroyers and TRA-Bull Mak-

erz (Masters, 11-6); and Jokers

X-ecutioners (Tuesday B, 24-6) are the other teams leading in their respective divisions.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Members of Naked Fish Ridin' Dirty celebrate after shooting on top of the standings in 2014 Saipan Electronic Darts Association Budlight Dart League.



## SSC ocean swim tomorrow; swim lessons extended

Saipan Swim Club will host an open water swim at PauPau Beach tomorrow. Registration is from 8:30am to 9am, while swim time is set for 9:15am.

Swimmers will select from three courses: 2.5K, 1.5K, or 50 meters and this weekend's event is the last under the club's Summer Fun Open Water Series. Members of the Adult-Learn-to-Swim program will do the open

water swim for the first time, as they will negotiate the 50-m course.

These fun swims are untimed and use of fins, buoys, snorkels, and wetsuits are welcome. Large bright orange buoys will mark the courses and kayakers will provide on-water escort and support.

The swim is free to SSC members and lifeguards with proof of certification. For all other swimmers, registration fee is just \$5 cash or check (payable to SSC).

Meanwhile, due to popular demand, SSC is extending its free Adult-Learn-To-Swim program through September. Classes are held every Saturday from 2pm to 3pm at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool across from the Mariana Resort in Marpi.

Classes are on a drop-in basis. Please come a little before 2pm to register.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Participants and instructors in Saipan Swim Club's swim lessons pose for a photo before resuming their session at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool early this month.

Long Davis  
homer lifts  
Pirates over  
Cardinals, 3-1

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## Lee sweeps U14 singles titles in Fiji

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The CNMI's Carol Lee capped her domination in the singles competition of the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji with another title win last Wednesday.

Lee earned her second girls U14 singles championships after sweeping New Caledonia's Lea Bolo in the finals, 7-6 (2), 6-1. Incidentally, Lee also topped Bolo, 6-0,



6-2, in the first week of POJC with the tournament having a pool play format before going into the playoffs. In the second week of the annual event, all U14 players were placed in a 16-player draw with Lee on the upper bracket and getting the top seed.

Fiji's Ruby Coffin, 6-2, 6-0, to set a title duel against Lee and a third meeting against the CNMI bet. Lee first played Bolo in a tournament in Australia early this year and lost before beating the New Caledonia player in two straight competitions.

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The CNMI players and coach Jeff Race, right, pose for a photo at the conclusion of the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last Wednesday.



## Rematch in the works in Shirley's tourney



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A rematch is brewing in the men's A singles event in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic after last year's finalist Andreau Galvez and Ferdie Arago secured semis berths in the division.

Galvez took the first semis ticket in Group B of the men's A singles after completing the elimination round games weekend and earning a 4-0 record. Arago, on the other hand, clinched a semis seat in Group A with his 3-1 record. Arago and Galvez fought in the men's A singles finals last year with the latter winning the championship match, 21-14, 21-15.

This year, Macoi Aguda hopes to play the spoiler's role in the Galvez-Arago finale, as the former bagged the third



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Ferdie Arago leaps for a return during one of his singles games in the Shirley's Badminton Classic early this month at the TSL Sports Complex.

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## Saipan Ice stuns Hite Beer

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Saipan Ice & Water barged into the win column after pulling off an upset over Hite Jinro, 106-73, in the first game in the DL Corp Invitational Basketball League Season 4 last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Hite Jinro absorbed its first loss after winning its first six games, while Saipan Ice snapped a six-game losing skid.

The trio of Dan Barcenas, Derrick Rangamar, and Jack Lizama teamed up in the stunner. Barcenas finished with a game-high 28 points, while Rangamar and Lizama chipped in 22 apiece.

Barcenas and company led from start to finish, capitalizing on the absence of some Hite Jinro players. Hite played without Jason Lampkin, Rolly Paraiso, and Zack Babauta.

With Hite's big men out, Jack Lizama eased his way to 8 early points in the first period, which



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Bryle Alegre, seen here faking off the defense of Puerto Rico's Martin Moreno during the Season 3 of DL Corp. caging, still playXs for San Antonio, which routed defending champion Island Floral last Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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